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ARTILLERY POUNDING BESIEGED BARDIA

Lord Halifax Forecasts Accurate

Conforming to forecasts, an official announcement issued in London last night confirmed the appointment of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, as British Ambassador in Washington in succession to the late Lord Lothian.

Lord Halifax is succeeded at the Foreign Office by Mr. Anthony Eden, at present Secretary for War, who thus returns to the post he held under Mr. Chamberlain which he resigned as a protest against the appeasement of Italy policy.—Reuter.

PETAIN TO TAKE NO MILITARY INITIATIVE

"IF MARSHAL PETAIN is determined to take no military initiative against anyone he is also determined to preserve for France what she has acquired from pain," declared General Bergeret, French Minister for Air, in a broadcast from Beirut reported by the French news agency yesterday.

General Bergeret said he would be able to report very favourably to Marshal Petain, following his inspection of the French air force in Syria and Lebanon.

"Men of Syria, and Lebanon, I can assure you that in spite of his preoccupations in Europe the Marshal is not forgetting any territory where the French flag waves.

"You can have confidence in the Marshal and he has confidence in you."—Reuter.

GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUE!

Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world — so Herr Frank, Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory."

"The highest ideal we must set up," he said, "is that the world will be delivered from the curse of communism."

He added: "Germany, today, cannot be incorporated greater in the international Anti-Hitler alliance than it is by the leader of the world, unimpeded by any one."

The Ministry made this German nation's claim it may carry the light into the wilderness."—Reuter.

NIGHT RAIDS OVER WIDE AREA

Enemy air activity over Britain during the daylight hours yesterday was very small but after darkness were reported from several districts, including northern towns, Liverpool, West Midland and towns in the south-western England and Wales.

On the 18th hour last night there were no reports of heavy bombings but in several places there was a strong anti-aircraft barrage.

The alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dark and there were indications that

Tanks Destroying Points Of Resistance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SLOWLY AND METHODICALLY, BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES ENGAGED IN THE OPERATIONS ROUND BESIEGED BARDIA ARE DESTROYING ODD POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN THE RING OF DEFENCES, IN PREPARATION FOR THE COUP DE GRACE.

Bardia's defenders are being steadily battered by relays of aircraft, and are under constant bombardment from British artillery, backed up by the heavy guns of naval units standing out to sea.

In the meantime, the troops round Bardia are being steadily reinforced although there is no indication that the final assault on the Italian stronghold is imminent.

Scores of additional prisoners are being taken as the armoured units isolate and destroy points in the Italian pillbox system in their constant forays against the line, feeling for the weaker points.

Simultaneously, other units are operating to the west of Bardia making sure that Graziani is unable to reinforce the garrison of Bardia, estimated at about 35,000 men, nor come to its relief.

Cairo Communiqué

British H.Q. in Cairo, announcing yesterday that Bardia is now completely invested, added (says Reuter):

A further seven guns from a frontier post we recently occupied have now been collected.

The situation on other fronts is "unchanged."

Some of the thousands of prisoners taken in the Western Desert have been sent to Palestine, where they are being put in a special camp in the Central Judean Plain. Some 2,000 arrived on Saturday.

MORE NAZI TROOPS IN RUMANIA

NEW DETACHMENTS OF GERMAN TROOPS OF "INSTRUCTION" HAVE ARRIVED AT TIMIOARA IN RUMANIA, DURING THE WEEK, ACCORDING TO A BUCHAREST NEWS-PAPER REPORT TO THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The report adds that General Hitler has been appointed supreme commander of German troops in the Timioara district.

Timioara has important railway communications with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.—Reuter.

A very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders. During the day one Junkers 88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England.—Reuter.

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SUBMARINE SWORDFISH OVERDUE

The British submarine Swordfish (Lt. M. A. Langley) is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communiqué issued in London yesterday says Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL ORDERS

The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$284,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing submarine nets at the entrance of strategic harbours, it was announced in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

"intended to camouflage subversive actions by the Rumanian Legion," and he demanded that they should cease.—Reuter.



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Revolt Spreading Through Abyssinia

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Sudan)

THE SOUND OF British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns, has brought new hope to the Abyssinians.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading.

3 CARS GIVEN TO WOMAN

Young Man's £800 Hotel Debts

"You are a very young man who has made a fool of himself," said Mr. Justice Black in Dublin Bankruptcy Court to Anthony Drew, 22, son of an English cotton printer and a native of Westmorland, who, in earlier proceedings, had stated that he spent an inheritance of £10,000 in 12 months.

Drew has admitted having sent £4,000 in a month to a Mrs. Winterbottom, who, it was stated, had lived with him in Irish hotels and was now living at the Carlton Hotel, London. He admitted owing £800 in Ireland, principally to hotels.

On his mother's death, it has been stated, Drew will receive a two-thirds share of his father's £69,000 estate.

£12,000 Loan Talk

Asked about a letter he wrote to a London firm negotiating for a loan of £12,000, Drew said that he hoped to get £700 to pay as interest from Mrs. Winterbottom. She had a trust fund from which she would get money.

Counsel: I put it to you that you receive money from a source you will not disclose to keep you in this country?—I receive no money except what I get from her.

He denied that he was keeping her at the Carlton Hotel.

He said he had given her three expensive motor-cars. On Thursday she told him she had received £150 from the sale of one of them, but he had not given her authority to sell it.

Mr. Arthur Cox, for Drew, referred to a suggestion that he was in Ireland to avoid military service, and said that a London doctor had informed him that Drew was in a very poor state of health.

Mr. Justice Black said that the statement of some unknown doctor in London about Drew's health at some unspecified date might be of consequence or not, but he had enough to do with the financial side of the case without considering Drew's duty to the British Government.

The hearing was adjourned for a fortnight.

News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gojam, to the wilderness of Dankil and to the wide expanses of bush, with their sparse and scattered population.

The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" by which information flies from village to village in the heart of Africa.

The R.A.F.'s constant systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern Army of the Nile is close at hand.

Sudan Buzzing

The Sudap is buzzing with stories of risings across the border.

In Khartum itself great satisfaction is expressed at the recent House of Commons statement by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs that the revolt in Abyssinia appeared to be making progress.—Reuter.

LONG CHASE SUCCEEDS

Immediately after a German bomber had bombed a landing field in the West of England, two Spitfire pilots took off from the field, determined on revenge. For nearly 100 miles they followed the bomber, losing it from time to time in cloud and then picking it up again.

Eventually they got on its tail, near Southampton. One of the fighters made a beam attack at 200 yards range, firing short bursts until smoke poured from the bomber.

"As I pulled away I saw that the enemy aircraft was losing height rapidly," this pilot said. "Then Number Two took up the attack from astern and expended all his ammunition."

"The enemy bomber flew low over the sea in a south-easterly direction for a few minutes. Then it turned and flew parallel with the coast. Immediately afterwards I saw the bomber dive into the sea and disappear."

ALL OPEN HOMES TO CHILDREN

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE PEOPLE OF Britain have done more than open their hearts to the homeless child victims of London's air raids. They have thrown wide the doors of villa, cottage and farm, Willing hands are outstretched to care for them.

Bachelors, spinsters, widows, grandmothers and mothers with such large families of their own that "a few more will make no difference," have written so many letters offering homes to these war orphans that the Lord Mayor's London Air Raid Distress Fund have had to call a special meeting to deal with them.

There are practical letters . . . "I want to adopt a little girl."

"Put her on the train in charge of the guard, label her to me in the care of our local police and I will do the rest" (that from a soldier's wife).

Pathetic letters, too. "We have always wanted children of our own. Can you send us two babies?"

"If we are lucky enough to have you send us some of these kiddies, we will come to London to bring them safely to our home."

All of them stress the need for urgency in getting these "Mites in the thick of the fight" safely out of London—and soon.

The Air Raid Distress Fund are seeing to that.

"Must Have Curls"

At the special meeting shoals of letters for the adoption of these

children were handed over to the charge of the chairman of the L.C.C., with the Lord Mayor's strict command that there must not be a minute wasted.

As always in tragedy there is humour.

A widow with ten children of her own—eldest twenty-five—wants a six-month and eighteen-month baby, asking: "Will you please try to send babies with curly hair? All my family have straight hair."

One doctor's wife wants to take care of as many very young babies as can be sent to her offering to buy prams, clothes and cots herself.

Wives of gardeners, labourers and farm hands apologise because, as working folk, they cannot afford to take more than one or two children.

These requests have come from all parts of England, Scotland and Wales.

Soldiers' wives, wives of Home Guards and women with sons in the Forces all say they feel this is their way of doing their bit like their menfolk.

They refer to it practically as National Service.

But it is the prompting of a mother's heart.

A little boy himself wrote this letter from the North Country:

"Dear Lord Mayor—Please if you know of any very poor London boy who is a good and honest boy that is left without parents through this terrible bombing, my mother will be very glad to give him a home. I have no brothers and sister of my own."

"My dad died through being gassed in the last war. I would like to share my home with a boy my own age. I am fourteen."



During air-raids, nurses at the Salvation Army Mothers' Hospital in London spend much of their time knitting for mothers. They call themselves the "Nitwits." Photo shows nurses in the shelter busy knitting. (Copyright, Fox).

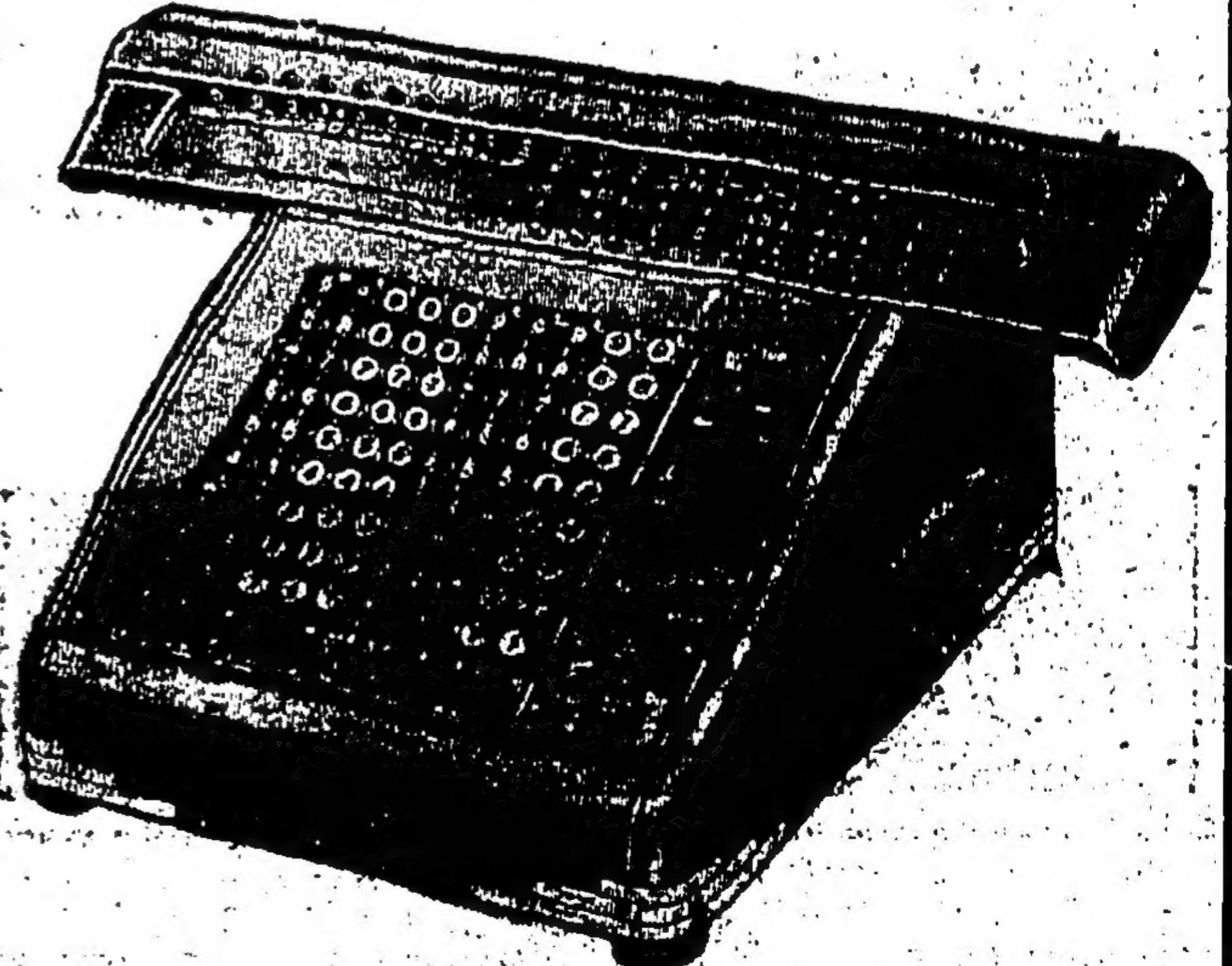
SHANGHAI SLAYING

A Japanese consular policeman was found lying in a pool of blood near Wen-Miao Road in Nantao, Shanghai, on the night of December 20, suffering from serious knife wounds, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury."

He was rushed to the International Relief Committee's hospital in the Refugee Zone, but succumbed shortly to loss of blood.—Central News.

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DEATH SENTENCES ON ALLEGED SPIES IN ITALY

VERY HEAVY sentences on 24 people accused of spying have been inflicted, announces Rome Radio.

The sentences include two of death, and those sentenced include two members of the Italian Navy, a workman in a firm of naval constructors and a trade representative at Taranto.

According to Rome Radio, a special tribunal for the defence of the State ended its case on Saturday evening against members of a "network of spies operating in Italy."

Sentences of death by shooting were imposed on a trade representative at Taranto and a Quartermaster in the Royal Italian Navy.

The executions took place on the outskirts of Rome yesterday morning.

Three people were convicted to prison for an unspecified term, and comprise a Sub-Chief Quartermaster in the Navy, workman in a firm of naval constructors, and his wife.

Two persons were sent to prison for 30 years—a woman of Australian origin, the other a man of apparently doubtful nationality.

One man with an Italian name was given a sentence of 27 years, while 16 others received prison terms of from three to ten years. — Reuter.

200-FEET LEAP FROM CATHEDRAL

Scaling ten feet high railings, with spikes turned inwards, and squeezing through a space only two feet wide, a forty-one-year-old aircraftman jumped 200 feet to death from the tower of Westminster Cathedral.

This story was told at the Westminster inquest on John Eric Fox, who had left behind a note saying that he had found life not worth living without his wife who was working with the N.A.A.F.I.s in a different part of the country.

He ascended the tower of Westminster Cathedral by lift. Later an air raid warning was given, and as he had not come down a search was made and a priest found him lying on the roof.

He left his cap, respirator, and a letter addressed to his wife in the tower.

Father L. M. Feery said as the result of a case that happened at the Cathedral ten or twelve years ago the tower was adequately protected and only a man with some physical development and a certain amount of nerve could get over the 10ft. railings.

Police-Sergeant John McWilliam said that Fox must have been a very athletic man, there being spikes turned inwards to climb over and a space of only 2ft. to get through.

The coroner, Mr. Bentley Purchase said he was satisfied that the railings on the tower were adequate except, perhaps, to anyone who would break no obstacle. Verdict: Suicide while of unsound mind.

9 HOURS IN DEBRIS, UNHURT

Police searching among bombed cottages in a north-west town found an elderly woman still lying in bed unhurt, nine hours after the bombs fell. She had been bedridden for years, and was quite unable to help herself when the explosion shattered part of her house and exposed her in her bed to the street.

Rescue work had been going on all the time, but she had been overlooked.

Bed-ridden women of seventy and eighty and sick children escaped injury when a bomb fell near the wards of a north-west institute.

Heads Under Clothes

The women obeyed an instruction to put their heads under the bedclothes, and none was hurt when all the windows of the wards crashed in. Two elderly women sang a Scottish song.

Nurse Margaret MacGuire was in a cottage when debris from the roof and ceiling fell on her. Barefooted and wearing only pyjamas she scrambled through a broken window and hurried to help other nurses bathe children covered with soot and dirt.

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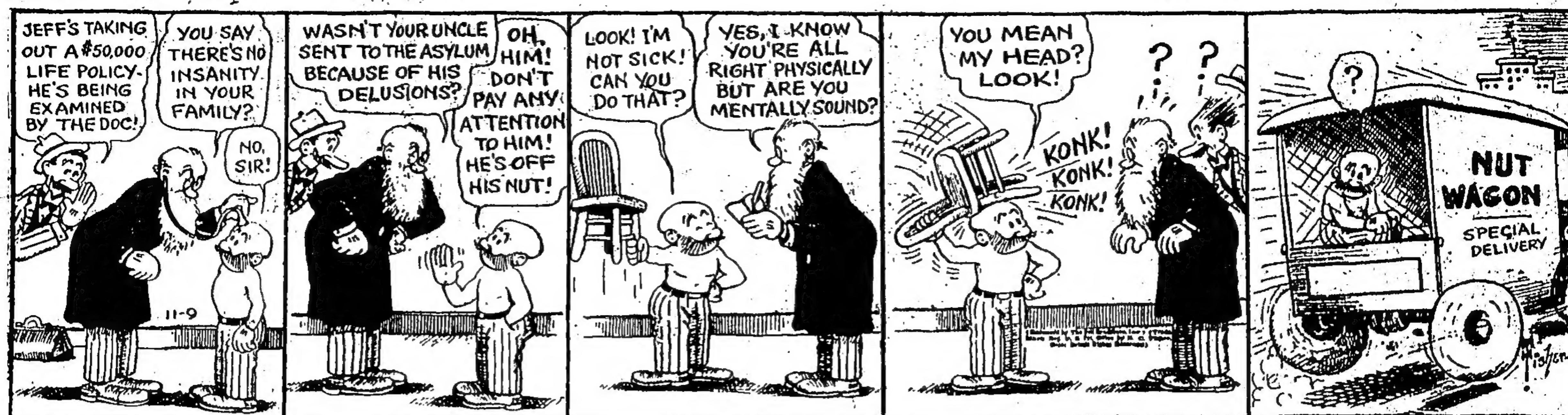
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FORCED WORK IN FRANCE

A sidelight on conditions in occupied France is provided by the contents of official notices signed by the German Commandant and prominently displayed on buildings and hoardings in the Pays de Gex, Swiss newspapers report.

Peasants are forbidden to thresh corn, gather the potato corps, or slaughter cattle without the written permission of the Commandant. Sixty per cent. of the crop yield is earmarked by the German authorities and despatched in sealed sacks to Germany. Payment is made in marks at prices enforced by the Germans.

Women are forbidden to sew or

knit in the daytime, and must aid in gathering crops. German troops are forcing French Customs officials, who have little work to do, to labour in the fields and repair roads.

"Isolated Revolts"

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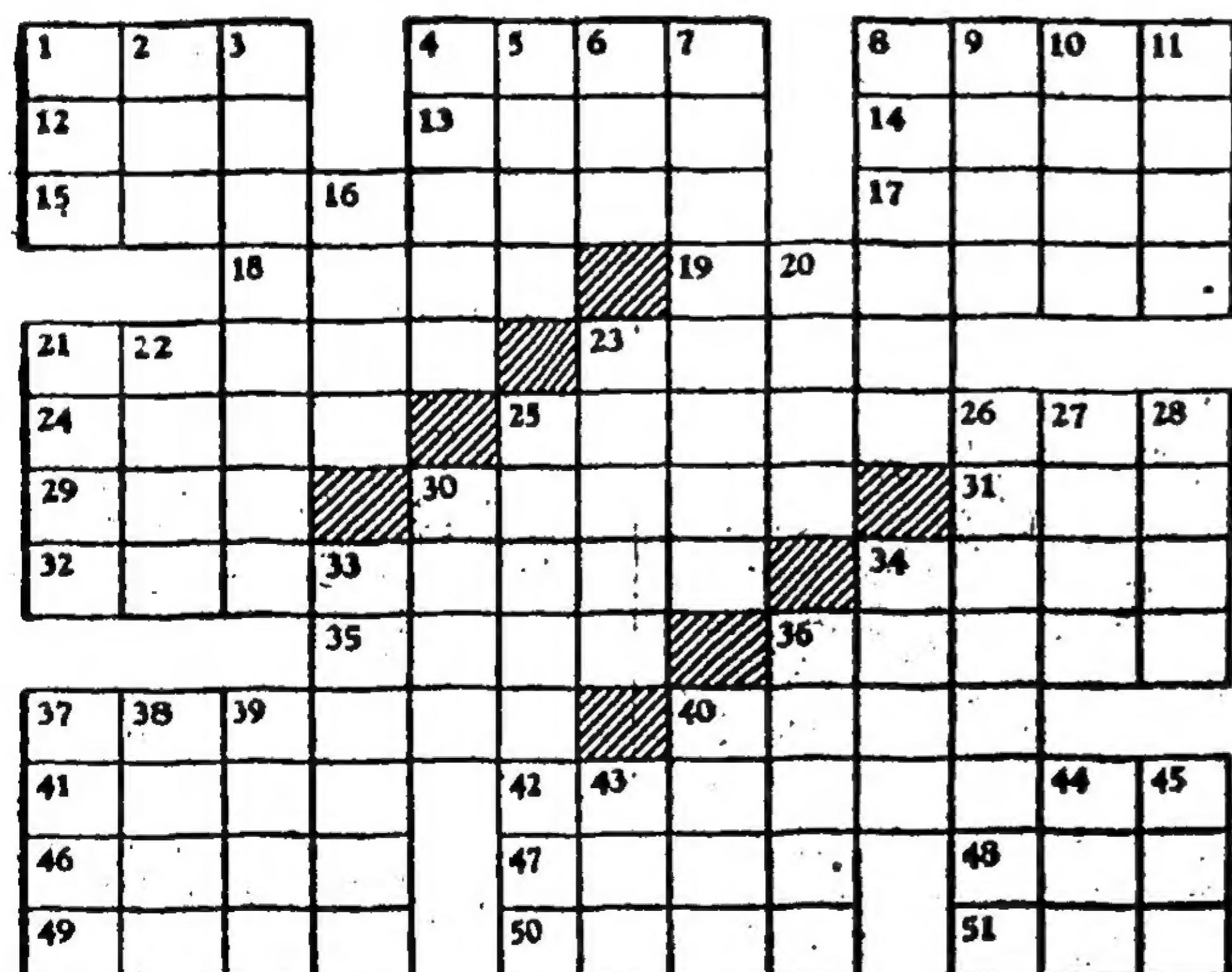
The French Colonial Minister, M. Lemery, represents the decision of French African Colonies to support Gen. de Gaulle as isolated revolts. "The Government," he says, "is taking all steps to prevent their development, which would, if successful, aim a severe blow at the French interests."

The chief of these steps is a veritable orgy of depriving Governors, Civil Servants and military authorities of their posts, but the Minister fails to state how these dismissals, made on paper, are enforceable by a Government boxed up at Vichy.

In trying to account for the Colonies' decision to join Free Frenchmen M. Lemery, with unconscious humour, says: "The Colonies, confronted by the dilemma offered by the imperative clauses of the armistice settlement and economic problems, and also running the risk of seeing the maritime communications cut, have been unable, owing to lack of accurate information, to realise all that the Government is doing for them."



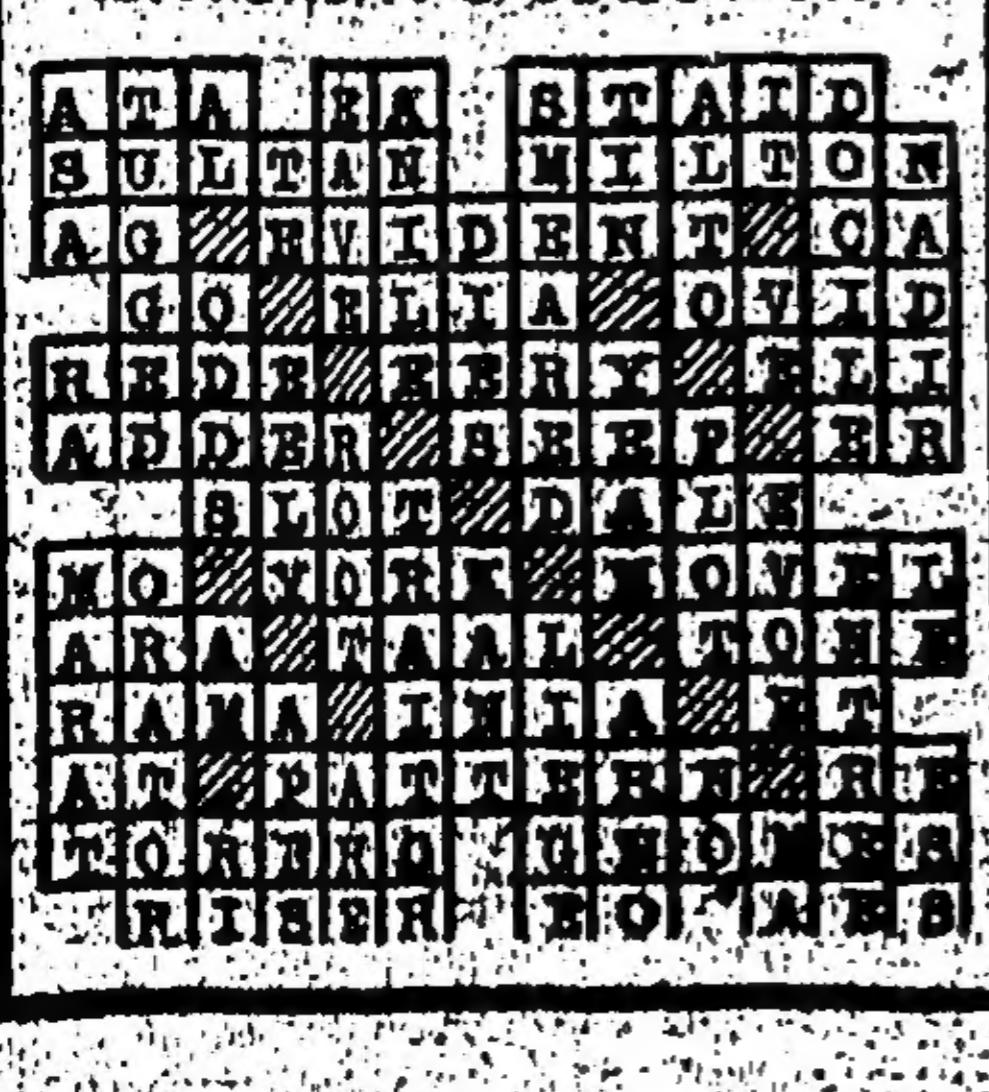
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- Poisonous snakes
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- Wing
- Outer garment
- Man's name
- Paid office without employment
- Girl
- To rip
- To awaken
- To manipulate
- To prepare for publication
- Is mistaken
- Archbishops
- Fish eggs
- Salary
- Thigh joint
- To attempt
- Greek goddess
- Mine entrance
- Surround
- Fragment
- Enemies
- Intermittent fever

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- Male
- Moslem name
- Chaffed
- Ancient Asiatic country
- Tart
- Golf term
- Firm
- Ball
- Sloth
- Plant with numerous small leaves
- South African ox
- Snake-like fishes
- Borders
- Part of "to be"
- To smooth
- Grass disease
- Building of ornamental character
- Division of ancient Greece
- European country
- Argument
- To walk with difficulty
- Painter's stands
- Notice
- Studied assiduously
- Marketplace
- Curved molding
- Regret
- To merge
- Born
- Last age

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From A Special Correspondent

Navy's "Stone Frigate"

By courtesy of the Officer Commanding I have had the unusual experience of boarding and inspecting H.M.S. Lynx, more familiarly known to naval men of the Dover Patrol as the Stone Frigate or Ship Ashore.

I was received on the quarter-deck of this remarkable ship, which, commanded by a Royal Naval captain with a full company of officers, has a ship's company which includes a number of very efficient Wrens.

The quarter deck, from which the officer commanding directs operations, receives other officers and metes out justice to the men under his command, is actually a bleak stone-walled vault in a large stone underground building. The entire ship is indeed built of concrete and stone.

Nevertheless the Lynx is very much a naval unit with a vast ship's company on its books. She is parent ship to all H.M. vessels included in the famous and historic Dover Patrol.

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An Actual Ship

The Lynx succeeds a long line of naval craft, including sloops, brigs and a destroyer, which served in the last war. She is a craft on shore, but since in the traditions of the Royal Navy there must be an actual ship for every ship's name, there exists a sea-going H.M.S. Lynx, which is a picket boat and operates about the harbour as efficiently as any unit in our great fleet.

I visited the armourer's shop, the gunnery office, where there were Wrens at work, the regulating office, all underground, so that vital work of the base shall suffer no disturbance from enemy action.

It will be realised that with ever-changing dispositions of our own and enemy minefields safe navigation on the English Channel is a ticklish business these days. And so upon this office every ship entering or leaving the Dover base depends for information which will ensure it a safe passage.

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SIDE LIGHTS OF RAIDS ON BRITAIN

A WOMAN DIED in an air raid shielding with her body the seven-year-old evacuee boy who was billeted on her. The boy was badly injured, but he sang while rescuers worked to extricate him from the debris of the house.

The boy told the police who rescued him: "I prayed that I should be saved. I shall love you policemen always."

People of a bombed street were cheering a bedridden man of seventy-five, Mr. Albert Edward Wood.

Unable to leave his bed he persuaded his wife to go to the shelter and lay by himself while the raiders attacked.

A bomb dropped on the bungalow next door. The windows of his house were shattered.

When they went to see him afterwards someone asked: "Are you all right, dad?" Dad smiled. "There wasn't anything to worry about," he said.

One man had dived into the garden when a German plane crashed into the garden and burst into flames. As the man lay there among the roses bullets were flying above him.

When the alarm was given, one pilot was in his pyjamas. He threw a scarf around his neck and rushed to the plane.

A bomb demolished a chicken run. Although the owner was injured, he gathered up the birds which had been killed by the blast and sold them to neighbours.

A young married woman, who only a fortnight ago gave birth to a baby, was killed when her cottage was wrecked. The baby was unharmed.

Two hundred people who took refuge in a shelter near a theatre had a free show.

When the sirens sounded everyone in the theatre—cast, producers, artistic directors and authors—went together to the shelter, which had plenty of room. So they carried on with their rehearsals.

A family emerged from their cellar to find their home almost an entire wreck. But the two young daughters rescued the lunch of chicken and dumplings from the oven and the family ate it in picnic fashion on the back lawn.

Another family stayed for several minutes after the air raid warning had been given to finish what they were eating. They had just got to the cellar when a bomb exploded, wrecking their home.

"It's a good job we didn't wait for the sweet course," said the father.

Four high explosive bombs fell in a back garden by an Anderson shelter. One exploded

three yards from the entrance, but no one was killed.

A marriage ceremony was carried through at a church during the raid. "This is a good start," said the bridegroom to the driver of his car. "They're playing the 'Wedding March' before we get to the church."

"I was standing in the kitchen shelling peas and when I looked up there he stood...."

In these words a housewife told her neighbours of her unexpected meeting with a German airman. He was one of the crew of a German bomber which crashed in a field near the woman's house. He walked in the back door and gave himself up.

Another woman found a wallet belonging to a German airman who broke his leg when he landed by parachute. He thanked her profusely when she returned the wallet to him. It contained a photograph of his wife.

A ninety-two year old woman was too stout to enter the Anderson shelter in the back garden of her house, and she was killed when a bomb demolished her house.

One German airman came down low over a hill and machine-gunned a herd of cows, several of which had to be shot.

Enemy planes fired machine-gun volleys in the street and a bus driver had an escape when a bullet passed through the window close to his head.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON CELL

A prisoner has made a daring escape from the police cells at Blackpool.

He was James Heaton (18), who earlier in the day had been committed for trial at Preston Sessions on three charges of shop breaking.

Police-Constable Charles Parr, who went to attend Heaton in the cells, was found with severe head injuries and with his keys missing.

Passing through the open cell door, Heaton had opened a barred gate only a few feet away from the charge office, run along a corridor, mounted a spiral stair-

OFFICER'S PLEADS TO RE-ENLIST IN RANKS

Second Lieutenant Colin David Hugh Wemyss, praised for his gallantry in Norway, told a general court-martial that he was guilty of signing worthless cheques. Then he asked if he could enlist again as a private.

Second Lieutenant Wemyss is thirty-three and belongs to the officer-producing centre of the R.A.S.C. There were thirteen charges in connection with alleged worthless cheques, and one alleging misapplication of funds belonging to a regimental mess account.

To some of the charges he pleaded guilty, and these alone were proceeded with.

According to the prosecution, eight cheques were dishonoured between January and July 1940. "Having had the first cheque dishonoured, he was, of course, warned, and he should have seen the red light."

Then in April he was posted to Norway, and while there his overdrawn bank account recovered somewhat. But when he returned "the same old thing started again."

Served in Norway

A colonel under whom Wemyss served in Norway said that his bravery and gallantry when in charge of a petrol dump which had been fired caused him to recommend Wemyss for promotion. "As an officer he performed his duties in an exemplary manner."

Captain N. Jukes, for Wemyss, said that in civil life Lieutenant Wemyss was engaged in the oil industry in Canada, and gave up his business to enlist in the ranks.

The first cheques were given in good faith, and some of the bank letters about his overdraft never reached Wemyss.

After an unsatisfactory start to his career as an officer, he wiped all that out by his conduct in Norway. When he came back he had no kit at all, and was given leave to go to London to get some. He eventually found himself under open arrest, and under the humiliation and worry of this he committed further offences.

The findings of the court will be made known.

case, gone through two court rooms and descending the stairs, had forced the main street entrance to the courts and escaped into the street under cover of the black-out.



Judy Garland, Douglas MacPhail and George Murphy as they appear in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, "Little Nellie Kelly." It seems that Judy is a very lucky young lady to have won the support of these two gentlemen in her new starring vehicle.

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PLIGHT OF NEUTRALS

Though the war on land has shifted to the Mediterranean, the troubles of the neutrals in the north are by no means over. The Finns have to find shelter, clothes and livelihood for half a million refugees who gave up their own farms and houses in the border districts taken by Russia, rather than become Soviet citizens. In a country as rugged and short on resources as Finland this is not easy.

With its own access to the sea shut off and its western markets closed, Sweden not only finds it impossible to be as generous with aid to its neighbours as it was last winter, but has to think about its own supplies. A comparative chart, published by a Stockholm newspaper, shows that Sweden suffers from almost as many restrictions as Finland and German-occupied Norway and Denmark. Though it has made new trade treaties, certain commodities cannot be imported.

Both Finland and Sweden have been forced to admit the passage of unarmed German soldiers on leave to and from Norway. Very few have so far passed through Finland, where transportation facilities in the North are difficult, and in Sweden so far more men have come from Norway than have gone in the opposite direction. This situation was recognised in an address before the Royal Empire Society in London by Lord Sempill, who cautioned his countrymen against judging Sweden too hastily. "World events have forced Sweden into a corner," he said. For neutrals north and south in Europe the totalitarian drive has a similar meaning.

HEIR TO FASHION'S THRONE?

Paris, the city of fashion, is silent. But the art of design goes on, and keen is the competition for the crown of fashion elegance that belonged to the city of haute couture française.

New York, with its smart American couturiers, already claims succession to the throne. Hollywood, too, with its glamorous queens of film and fashion, aspires to become the new "Paris." Even in bomb-worried London, world famous designers still carry on, and the royal city of style may yet remain on that side of the Atlantic.

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New Britain In The Making

British Labour's whole-hearted support of the present war, its increasing representation in the Government, and the growing impression that the present period will usher in a new era based upon Labour principles have made many of its leaders enthusiastically declare recently that "the future belongs to Labour."

For to a Europe in transition—indeed to a world in transition—it cannot be too strongly emphasised that Labour has definite ideas regarding the origin and outcome of the present war. It is convinced that the war would not have occurred had there been a genuine, democratic, and timely appreciation of what totalitarianism meant, and also that this conflict must be followed by the application of democratic ideas to the economic sphere.

These ideas have suddenly become something more than theory.

For Labour is speaking with a new voice of authority. From a period of "partial" cooperation in Britain during the early days of the war, it has attained a new place of responsibility and power. And in aiding Labour to attain this position—its representatives now hold key posts, not only in Britain's War Cabinet but throughout the Government—Prime Minister Winston Churchill may have begun one of the most far-reaching steps in the chain of transition affecting the days that lie ahead.

Defence Differentiated

The long-range effects can only be understood if it be appreciated that Labour most strongly objects to associating the defence of democracy with defence of the existing distribution of social and economic power in

Britain as a purely static view of democracy.

The price of this war is the making of a more equal society, and this is only realisable in labour's opinion through restricting, if not ending, those vested

By J. Emlyn Williams

interests which place profit-making before reconstruction. Nowadays the fundamental question is, Who are to enjoy that liberty and democracy for which Britain declares it is fighting to-day?

A new Britain is being born in the underground railway stations and shelters and the world emerging from the peace will not be the world that entered the war. The masses are beginning to ask that a start be made for a thorough-going redistribution of economic power in this country. The general thought of the British Nation is being gradually prepared for great changes, and the present catastrophe appears to many persons as just another chance for the Nation to choose wisely.

Labour offers a programme to satisfy this progressive desire for change which includes comprehensive social, economic and political planning on socialist lines. Labour emphasises that it is not "prepared again to watch the grim spectacle of distressed areas and decaying men when a policy of socialist development

can transform the one into sources of national wealth and the other into active and valuable citizens."

Undoubtedly the pace at which Labour would introduce this complete industrial, social, and financial reconstruction "in our time" might have serious repercussions upon the stability of finance and industry alike, and therefore affect the national welfare, since such stability is the one foundation of welfare.

And it would be mere naivete to imagine that such far-reaching change will come about as quickly and smoothly as many present-day idealists seem to imagine, for the past working of Democratic institutions has largely depended upon a general agreement on fundamentals, but when as to-day the Nation is deeply divided on matters of vital social importance solutions by parliamentary compromises are difficult to effect.

Labour In Peace Vanguard

Yet it is a remarkable tribute to the evolutionary outlook of British Labour that it looks to constitutional changes rather than revolution for its own preservation and the Nation's progress, with the result that the struggle of privilege against a juster distribution of the national wealth has Parliament rather than the streets for a battleground.

Labour's confidence in the future is all the stronger because it believes just as democracy, political liberty, and nationalism

were linked in the last century in the thought of most progressive thinkers; so, at present, are democracy, economic equality, and international understanding linked. And Labour is in the vanguard with a demand that a "people's war" must be converted into a "people's peace." That peace will take on more meaning by virtue of the fact that totalitarianism has been clearly understood by Labour throughout a period which greatly antedates the present conflict.

The means and methods by which the Fascists and the Nazis seized power, particularly in sections of the community they attacked, led Labour early to reject these systems and line up on the side of humanitarianism and democracy in condemnation of doctrines founded on the persecution of all who cherish freedom, who demand the right to organise, who claim to express their views openly by tongue and pen and the printing press.

Organised Labour condemned the "evil things" of the totalitarian systems even when the former British Government allowed them to go unperceived, despite the fact that these systems were feverishly preparing for an anti-democratic war.

Saw Power Of Dictators

It isn't an accident that the main opponents and chief victims of totalitarianism have been working-class victims—in Italy, Germany, and Spain—while it was the workers who heroically defended Warsaw after the Polish armies had broken and their leaders fled.

Labour's first great "victory" of the war was the fall of the Chamberlain Government which Labour was never convinced understood the nature or strength of the totalitarian powers.

Labour, political and industrial, determined to smash the totalitarian domination of Europe, and the close cooperation between the Government and the different branches of the trades-union movement go far to guarantee the smooth working of the colossal war production in all its complicated phases.

The contrast between the position of British Labour and that in countries under the totalitarian heel are clearly shown in this situation. German Labour is allowed no expression in the political affairs of that country. It has become a mere cog in the wheel of war production run by the Nazis.

The importance of German Labour and the people is shown in the example even before the outbreak of war when on July 2 and August 25, 1939, the British National Council of Labour made two appeals to the German people.

No Answer From Germans

The council emphasised that "all war with its tragic burden falls most heavily upon the common people of all lands." But the common people of Germany were not allowed to answer—it is doubtful whether they were allowed to receive the message.

Italian Labour long ago ceased to play any political role, the corporative system having closed its doors to free political expression. In countries overrun by the Germans the Nazis have attempted to apply their oppressive methods to Labour, but with doubtful success.

France presents an example of the difficulty of forcing Labour to accept totalitarian standards. The Vichy Government attempted to consolidate its position with Labour by making René Belin its Minister of Labour. He had been one of the most powerful secondary figures in the entire French Labour movement, but now stands repudiated by the workers who understand full well that he now must speak for a system with which Labour can have nothing in common.

This awareness of the fundamental meaning of totalitarianism and the quest for a new era of social and economic relations will shape the imprint Labour will make on things to come. Pursuit of its objectives by constitutional and orderly processes remains, at the same time, the method through which Labour is committed to make its contribution.

Some Thoughts On Writing

Is it unreasonable that one who makes no claim to any distinction in the realm of letters shall be permitted a declaration of his faith in regard to what is good and what is bad in modern writing, and try to make a point or two for the benefit of aspiring writers? If it is, pardon my temerity and let me be deliberately unreasonable for once. If lovers of good literature were canvassed, there is little doubt that the consensus would be that lack of rhythm and an undistinguished vocabulary are only too often observable in the output of the younger school of writers. Therefore, my declaration of faith would commence with a protest against their

sure that it will—that the salons of Paris again will scintillate with the shimmer of gorgeous gowns, the exquisite sheen of fine fabrics, and the sparkle of jewels. But meantime there must be a new centre of fashion, even if temporary.

Will it be another Paris? Can that deft touch of the French designer, that taste, that passionate devotion to beauty that has animated the Parisian artiste, suddenly become the inheritance of another? To the Parisian couturiere nothing was impractical if beautiful.

Perhaps a new day has come upon the world of fashion—possibly a new era. Some other capital of wealth, beautiful women and talented designers may become temporarily, even permanently, the new centre of fashion, but no city will become overnight another Paris. Another may fall heir to a crown of fashion, but it will not be the crown of Paris.

utter disregard of the music of language and of most of the standards which consideration of style would naturally impose.

The driver of the modern automobile may glory in his ignorance of the machine that propels him, but this ignorance will not absolve him from obedience to the rules of traffic or observance of the chivalry of the road. Those writers who are so busy setting the world to rights may have what they consider to be an adequate knowledge of the language required for the purpose, but they ought not to be completely indifferent to the standards established by the great literature of the past. It almost goes without saying that thoughts or ideas that are good and true will clothe themselves naturally in language which conveys something of their charm and goodness, but it needs a well-tuned ear to be able to take full advantage of this fact. A good writer will be a good listener.

Logan Pearsall Smith, writing of the pleasure he receives from certain true lovers of language, refers to their occasional use of some ancient primitive word which appears on their pages "with its face washed and its eyes shining," thus vividly conveying how the writer has explored the dynamic value of a word, whether old or new, so as to give the fullest significance to its meaning.

Conversely, one might refer to a word that is being debased by its use as devoid of vitality and having a lack-lustre eye. There are no statistics to indicate whether the great increase in the use of the spoken word has affected the output of the written word, but it might do so to advantage. Selection according to literary merit, instead of mere up-to-the-minute slickness, might then come into its own again. A writer would at least have to know himself equipped in three essentials: First, something to say; second, the desire that it shall be said rightly; third, the needed vocabulary.

These three essentials being present, the result ought to be the kind of good writing which makes easy reading.

Ramsay MacDonald used to say that one never knows how little he knows until he takes a

pen in his hand. It follows then that in complying with the requirement "something to say" one will realise this truism and either refrain from writing or else repair the deficiency.

Then, too, if a thing needs saying at all, there is also the need that it be rightly said.

Matthew Arnold, in his celebrated essay on Wordsworth, singles out for special attention a line which has very little more to say than the sentence quoted above. It is taken from the poem "Michael": "And never lifted up a single stone." Of this line he says, "There is nothing subtle in it, no heightening, no study of poetic style, strictly so-called, at all; yet it is expression of the highest and most truly expressive kind."

This suggests that the highest form of expression is that which concedes to words their full dynamic value, not resorting to any repetition as though the words were unable to sustain the load imposed upon them without such bolstering.

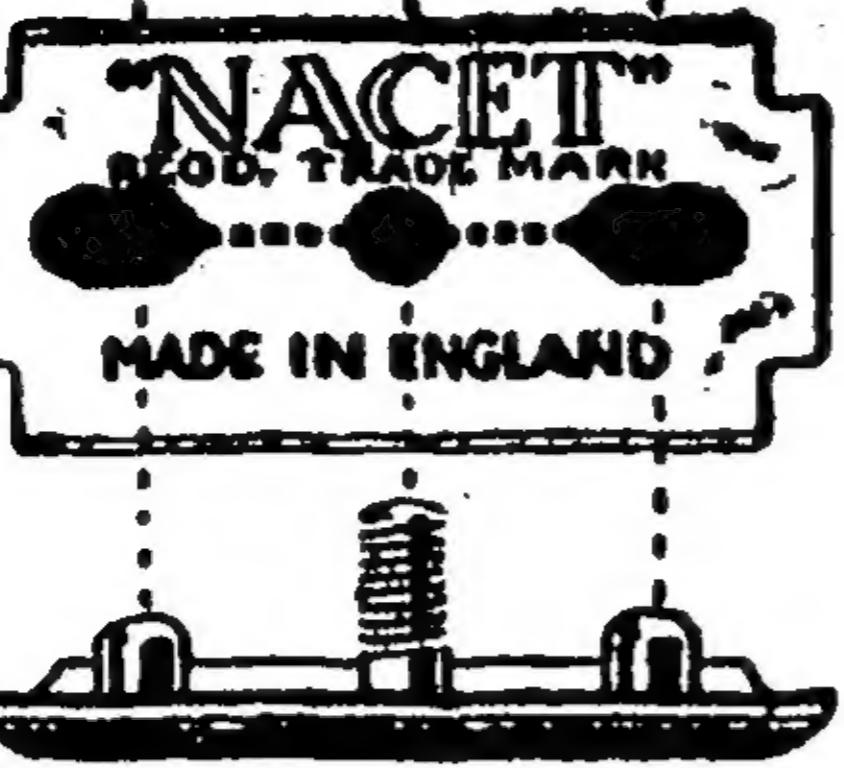
And this brings us finally to the question of the vocabulary with which we clothe our thoughts. There are many more words in the average man's vocabulary than he ever dares to use. That is to say he knows the words, but he is not sure of their meaning and would be afraid to use them. He who would be a writer will be wise not only to enlarge his vocabulary, but to understand what each word means, else he can never use it as it should be used, and his meaning will become involved and lacking in clarity of expression. Can there be a better way to enlarge one's vocabulary than by reading the best authors and watching the skill with which they make use of words to produce their effects?

How else can one begin to understand the art that underlies all good writing—the patient and careful selection of the tools used in the process? Next, one will begin to aim at perfecting his own ability to write his thoughts in simple language that charms and encourages the reader because of its obvious sincerity.

Then if one patiently persists in the face of all discouragement, his writing will go up the scale,

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WALLY IS THE TOWN'S HERO

By A Special Correspondent

"MAD WALLY, the Warden," they call him in affection down in Silvertown — because he seems not to know what fear is as he patrols the streets through the bombs and drops in any hour of the day or night at the public shelters with a smile and a cheery word.

His name is Wally Oldfield, thirty-eight-year-old A.R.P. warden down in that hard-hit area of East London. He has evacuated his wife and children, but has stayed behind to help a few townspeople who refuse to leave their bombed homes.

This letter of tribute came into the "Daily Mirror" office from one of the oldest inhabitants of Silvertown:

"Wally Oldfield, the people of Silvertown are proud of you. You have stuck to your post well, and done valuable service. Keep it up, and when this wretched war is over we hope to recognise your services. Good luck. We love you.

'Mad Wally'

"I have many times read of London's unknown heroes. Well, if ever there was one we have him in this little island of ours. He is known affectionately as 'Mad Wally, the warden' — a name that suits him well.

"Night after night he is always about. Nobody knows how

or when he sleeps. Gunfire, bombs, incendiaries, they seem to be all the same to him. We have seen him pick up incendiaries and put them in buckets. He helps old ladies, carries babies, directs traffic, and as soon as a bomb drops he is there ready to help and report.

Refused Presents

"In the few public shelters we have here he is always to be found all times of the day and night with a comforting word and smile. Many times we have offered him small presents, which he stubbornly refuses."

I went down to Wally's post. Wally is modest. "I'm doing no more than the other wardens in this town," he says.

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LIT FIRES TO GUIDE RAIDERS

"I sympathise with Hitler, and I started fires during air raids to guide his bombers." A boy of sixteen made this confession, it was alleged at a London Juvenile Court.

He was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court on charges under the Defence of the Realm Act of assisting the enemy.

Mr. N. A. K. Morgan, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, described the lad as a traitor to his country who deliberately and coldly set fire to houses damaged in air-raids so that lurking German night bombers could be guided to the locality.

"The district formed vigilance committees to try to elucidate the mystery of frequent fires," he added, "and fine work was done by Detective-Sergeant Sparks and Detective Radford in tracking a dangerous person."

The officers, who night after night were on patrol to catch the firebug, arrested the youth when he was cycling near a house which had just been fired.

Photo Of Hitler

At his home they found a copy of "Mein Kampf," a photograph of Hitler, and a peaked cap similar to that worn by Hitler.

The accused said he went to houses damaged by bombs, set fire to the curtains, and then watched wardens and firemen fight the fires.

At one house he "started a big fire."

Hearing occupants of another house he had fired talking in their garden shelter, and afraid he might be heard, he waited until A.A. guns fired.

"I had often shone a torch into the sky to guide the German planes, but that was too risky for me, so I set fire to the houses to cause a glow which the raiders would see," his statement added.

In committing the lad for trial, the magistrate said it was pitiful that a British youth should be charged with such offences.



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The three women wardens, elderly Mrs. Emma Dow, Mrs. C. Vale and Mrs. Stevenson, were picking their way over debris to salvage a few belongings from unoccupied houses which had been hit the night before.

"We're looking after our neighbours' homes," Mrs. Dow said. "They would do the same for us."

Hic Pet Monkey

When I left, the mascot of the post, Wally's pet monkey, Gimpy, was sharing a slice of milk with a starved-looking cat which Wally had found wandering in the wreckage of what had been a home.

The people were proud of their wardens, but not so proud as the wardens are of the brave hearts still staying behind, facing the future with a courage that cannot be crushed.

TWO R.A.F. MEN CRASH 'PLANES TO WIN

THERE IS MATCHLESS R.A.F. HEROISM OF WHICH THE BRITISH PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET BEEN TOLD. IN THE AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN YOUNG MEN, THEIR AMMUNITION GONE, HAVE FLUNG AWAY THEIR LIVES TO SMASH THE ENEMY.

Now the deeds of two of these unnamed heroes have been chronicled. The first story came in a letter from John Tapping, of Victoria Road, Deal, Kent. Here is the letter:

"In this grim and glorious hour when ordinary men only ask to live to fight under the inspiration of our superlative defenders of the air we breathe, one wonders why the epic victory and matchless self-sacrifice witnessed here has not yet been chronicled.

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"Our pilot smashed right through the Hun's wing, which fell as though it were a piece of cucumber. As the enemy turned over the invader was able to bale out.

"Our fighter after his 400-mile-an-hour charge through the Messerschmidt earthwards, crashed—straight to his glorious doom.

"Glorious—because there never was any finer victory or greater sacrifice.

"The relatives of our gallant hero should receive the decoration which such valour and self-sacrifice so richly deserves."

Fell Interlocked

The second hero was a twenty-six-year-old sergeant-pilot. He was practising night flying in an Anson training machine when a Heinkel bomber dived out of the moonlit sky and fired bursts at him.

The Anson machine was completely unarmed.

People on the ground saw the sergeant-pilot crash his machine into the Heinkel.

The planes fell to the ground interlocked. In the wreckage of the Heinkel were five dead Germans. In the wreckage of the Anson was the body of the sergeant pilot.

He had just gained his wings. The flight which was his last was to have completed his final course of training.

ULSTER TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

THE SPEAKER OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PARLIAMENT, MR. H. G. H. MULHOLLAND, HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR.

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F. C. CLEMO,
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1♦	Pass	(?)	

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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Tomatoes---Lush and Red are now at their sun ripened best

declares Dorothy Greig

Near where I live is a famous soup kitchen. One morning at this time of year the air is filled with a sudden all-pervading fragrance. The tomato season has begun!

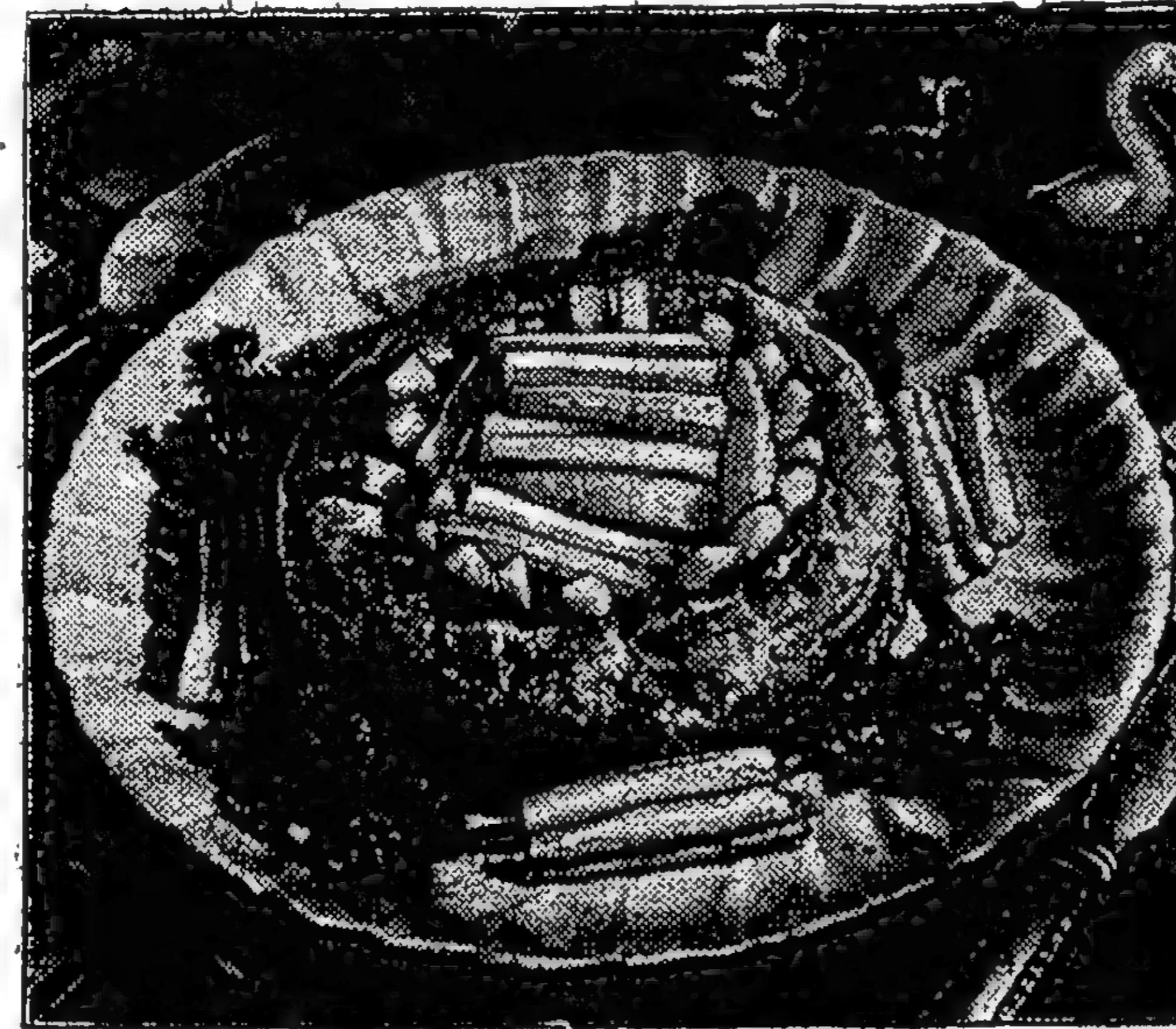
For weeks then, converging down every road, come thousands of trucks laden with shining red tomatoes bound for those soup kitchens. They hurry, do the trucks, urged by the desire to capture within a few scant hours the fresh perfection of the tomatoes. For these tomatoes were picked only after Mother Nature had in her fullness ripened them redly through to their very hearts, and blessed them with rich vitalising juice.

Right now, too, ripe tomatoes abound in Hong Kong markets. At no season are they finer in flavour. Serve them often, while you may, in salads, as a relish. Tomatoes are a truly abundant source of Vitamin C. A big glassful of tomato juice at breakfast, for instance, gives us our supply of this vitamin for the day.

Another way to enjoy the flavour and goodness of tomatoes is in cooked dishes. Here canned tomatoes, condensed tomato soup and tomato juice are particularly suited to our purpose. This ham ring contains tomato soup, is easy to make and is a beautiful blending of meat with tomato flavour.

Baked Ham Ring

1½ pounds raw ham, ground
½ pound fresh pork, ground
1½ cups soft bread crumbs
1 can condensed tomato soup
2 eggs
2 tablespoons chopped onion
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
Combine all ingredients and mix



A Baked Ham Ring with a glorious tomato flavour is filled and garnished with carrots.

well. Pack into a buttered ring mould and bake in a moderate oven (350 deg.) for 45 minutes. Fill the centre of the ring and garnish the platter with cooked carrots. Serves 8.

And here's an idea for a hot slaw that is quite unusual:

Hot Tomato Cabbage Slaw

1½ cups tomato juice
1 quart shredded raw cabbage

½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
2½ teaspoons sugar
1 Pinch pepper

Cook the shredded cabbage, uncovered, in the boiling tomato juice. Add salt and turn cabbage occasionally so that it all cooks in the juice. Cook 15-20 minutes. Add salt, butter, sugar and pepper and heat thoroughly to blend the flavours. Serves 4.

Are You A Potential Beauty?

Few of the screen stars ever expected to be considered glamour girls and certainly none of their friends thought it would happen. That, my dears, is my text for today's beauty lesson! Perhaps you too are a potential beauty with glamour waiting to bloom once you resolve, "I am going to make myself beautiful."

Most compelling beauty is acquired. A girl may be born with a pretty face, naturally curly hair and a healthy constitution but she may grow into the dowdiest woman of her group, unless she determines to keep herself attractive. And on the other hand, many an ugly young duckling has matured into a glamour girl by simply going after beauty in earnestness.

During the winter, particularly, I think most women want to be attractive. Old romances are refreshed and new romances begun for the young. Social life becomes more important to the older woman during the next five months and feminine competition is keener. Every woman ardently desires to meet both challenges successfully, and she knows in her heart that keeping beautiful is an ice up her sleeve!

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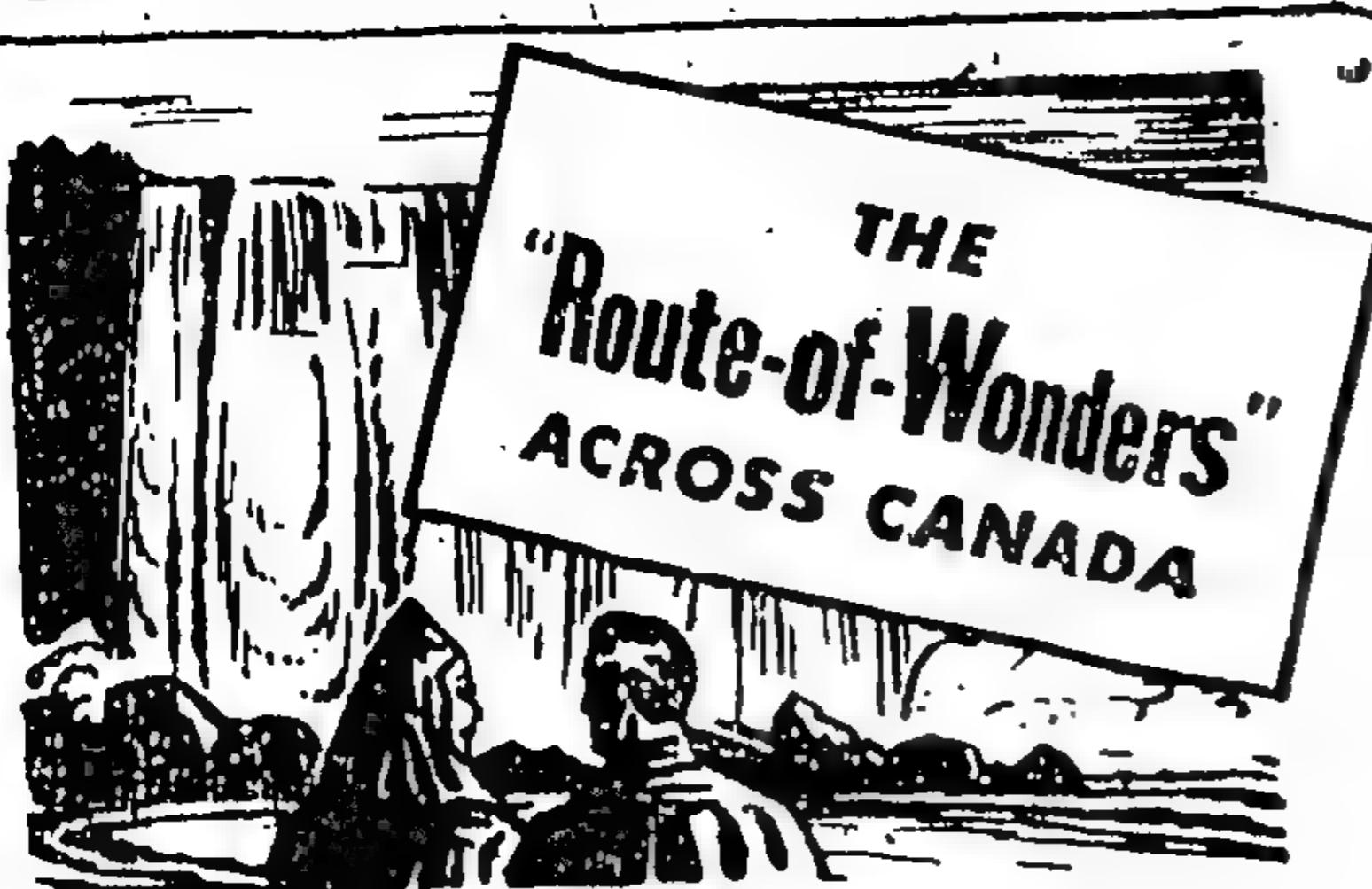
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Beethoven.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Negro Spirituals sung by Paul Robeson (Bar).

1.13 p.m.—Orchestra Raymonds.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.52 p.m.—Compositions of Rossini.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of The Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Eileen Joyce (Piano).

7.45 p.m.—Studio Talk on Convict by Mrs. C. A. S. Russ.

7.55 p.m.—Interlude.

"Tales from the Orient"—Waltz (Strauss, arr. Egg).

Magik Weber and His Orch.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—This week's programme.

8.07 p.m.—Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley.

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8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Mr. Gang!

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News Commentary.

8.30 p.m.—Humorous and Vocal Variety, with Gracie Fields, William McCulloch, Frank Crampt, Freddy Dosh and Alison Stanley.

10.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

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Robinson (Navy); Roughley (Navy) and Edmunds (R.A.F.); Freshwater (Middlesex), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's) (Capt.) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Owens (24th R.A.), Hendy (Navy), Fox (R.E.), Howlett (Police) and Reiterer (Club) Reserves—Reynold (R.A.C.) Fraser (Royal Scots), Britt (Navy), Maxwell (Kowloon), Pope (Police), Gough (Police), Coomer (Middlesex), Le Page (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Barbier (Navy) and B. J. Blackford (Club).

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C. and Officers, the Band of the Middlesex Regiment will play before the match and during the interval.

Players are requested to report to Mr. W. E. Hollands, team manager, in the dressing room at 3 p.m. sharp.

No dates have been reserved for the Kotewal Charity Cup competition yet, though the committee are desirous of starting the series as soon as possible. It is probable that the Navy-Army game will be played during the week, thus leaving the games against South China for week-ends.

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The Rest Eleven Completed From Spectators In Stands

Players Fail To Turn Up

Chinese Win With Greatest Ease

By "Referee"

THE CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME between teams representing the Rest of the Colony "A" and Combined Chinese "A", which the latter won by 5 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday, was very disappointing in that a large number of the chosen players for the Rest team did not turn out and even then there were not sufficient reserves to call upon with the result that players had to be recruited from the stand and in one case a player who had just finished a game was asked to participate in the Senior game.

In spite of the makeshift team fielded the Rest they did well in the first half when they gave a fairly good display when consideration is taken of the fact that several players were in unaccustomed positions.

Hossack was seen on the left wing in the first half, while Leonard played in the pivotal position. Owens, who had just finished a game, was seen on the right wing.

Little useful can be said about the Chinese team. They were the better side and often had the Rest defence in trouble with their swinging passes. Lee Wai-tong did not unduly exert himself and was content to keep his forwards well supplied with passes.

Fung King-cheong was their best forward and scored four of the five goals.

Robinson, in the Rest goal, gave a good display. He was kept continually on the move with shots from all directions and rarely had any rest. The five goals which beat him were unstoppable.

Owens, on the right wing, did a lot of useful work and it is gratifying to note that he has been chosen for the B.W.O.F. charity game on New Year's day. Both in this game and the one previous he has shown that in good company he is a useful right-winger.

Edmunds, at full-back, gave a good display and though he was up against the fast Chinese forwards covered well and on the whole justified his selection.

Leonard at centre-half, marked Lee Wai-tong well but this left Fung and Lai free and most of the danger to the "Rest" goal came from these two. Freshwater at his side worked hard and never for one moment slackened.

Howlett and Hossack were the best of the Rest forward-line while Le Page was seen in some nice movements.

Fung King-cheong opened the scoring for the Chinese with a good cross shot and shortly after increased the lead with an identical shot.

In the second half Lai Shiu-wing scored and before time Fung King-cheong added another two goals. Howlett scored the only goal for the Rest.

In a charity football match on the Club ground yesterday morning, the Hospital Division beat the Medical Division by three goals to two. Hopkinson, Dresser, Yu and T. Pile scored for the winners, while E. Fowler and Harris replied for the losers. The match was in aid of Chinese inmates at the various hospitals.

fact he has been wasting his time in the "A" threequarter line.

Suggested Pack

I would like to see the following pack on view next Saturday: Headman, Burford, Walkden, Gairdner, Macrae, Kennedy, Taylor and Thomas. Against Police they have nothing to lose and may solve their problem at for-

ward. The back division problem is even more acute. Afterhead has struck a bad patch—I was surprised Charier did not change places with him at half-time on Saturday—and the ideal left wing combination has yet to be found. Carruthers, Day and Morgan are much of a muchness in the centre and the aqua'-speed on the wing is nullified by his indecisive running.

ROSE BEATS HUNTER

In the semi-finals of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship at Fanling yesterday H. B. Rose beat F. D. Hunter two and one and F. Groves accounted for D. S. Edward at the 19th.

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W. H. Ingleby, b Attwell	8
W. S. Gegg, b Mitchell	3
F. E. Lawrence, b Attwell	32
E. Curtis, b Hollidge	0
F. Willis, c Parrott, b Attwell	35
H. Eager, run out	13
H. C. Eardley, c Stone, b Attwell	13
H. Brookeshire, not out	9
C. J. E. Scott, b Attwell	4
Extras (LBI)	8
Total (for 9 wkt. dec.)	139
H. D. Bruce did not bat.	
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
Stone 2 0 14 0	
Attwell 7.1 0 43 5	
Hollidge 2 0 20 2	
Mitchell 6 2 31 1	
McGowan 2 0 21 0	
Haynes 1 0 9 0	
C.S.C.C.	
K. J. Attwell, b Gegg	4
A. Watson, c Scott, b Curtis	4
D. Hollidge, b Gegg	2
J. Mitchell, c Ingleby, b Gegg	2
J. F. McGowan, c Lawrence, b Curtis	1
D. Colledge, b Curtis	1
H. Parrott, b Gegg	5
Paul, b Gegg	5
Hemsley, st. Curtis, b Gegg	0
Haynes, run out	13
G. P. Stone, not out	0
Extras (B5)	5
Total	37
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R. W.	
Curtis 4.4 0 20	
Gegg 4 1 12	

TIME FOR CHANGES IN CLUB XV

By "SCRUM-HALF"

Club lost all hope of winning the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament ever held in Hong Kong when they were well beaten by Navy on Saturday, and everything now points to a Naval triumph, although Army can still win the title by beating Navy, Club, and Police in their remaining games.

Navy have what it takes to win championships—determination. With the exception of Paul, Taylor, King and Manfield, they have a very average team, and yet their combination has overcome star-studded sides such as Army, who at one time appeared likely to carry all before them; and Club. A triumph for Navy, who have been without their captain, Carter, would be an exceedingly popular one, though I am inclined to believe Army can do the trick.

Club have reached the stalemate stage, and their lack of improvement over the past three weeks suggests that team changes may be necessary. Walkden is about ready for a place in the pack—he would have been invaluable on Saturday—and Thomas is worth consideration despite the

HAT-TRICK FOR HYUI

By "Sportshawk"

In the curtain-raiser at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, Combined Chinese "B" had no difficulty in beating "Rest of the Colony" "B" team by 5 goals to 2, after leading by the odd goal in five at the interval.

Lau Hin-hon (Eastern), the selected keeper, was the only absentee in the Chinese team and his place was taken by Ho Po-pui (South China), while Parnaby (R. Scots) and North (Police) were not available for the Rest, and their positions were filled by Britt (Navy) and Pope (Police) respectively.

The Chinese displayed better combination than the Rest, especially in their forward line in which Hyui Man-fai, the leader, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-cheong formed a very strong attacking unit on the left flank.

The Chinese defence was best served by Tse Kam-hung, left-back, who cleared strongly through. In consequence, the goalie, Ho Po-pui, was practically starved.

Good Pivot

Lam Tak-po distinguished himself in the pivotal position, being impressive with his passing and distribution, while Kwok Ying-kei held his own very well at right-half.

For the Rest, Fraser was the better of the two backs and Reynolds, the custodian, tried very hard, although he was beaten five times.

Maxwell, the Rest pivot, was apparently handicapped by lack of weight and he had a gruelling time checking the Chinese leader. Owens and Fox were the pick of the forwards.

On the whole, the Chinese played cleverer and more tricky football and well deserved their victory.

Cheuk Shek-kam opened the scoring for the Chinese and Fox equalised. O'Regan took the lead for the Rest, while Hyui Man-fai netted two quick goals to put the Chinese in the lead in the first half.

On the resumption, Hyui scored a further goal to register his "hat-trick" and Wong King-cheong netted the last goal for the Chinese.

CHINESE "B" TEAM: Ho Po-pui (South China), Lau Hin-hon (Eastern), Cheuk Shek-kam (South China), Kwok Ying-kei (Hong Kong), Lam Tak-po (South China), and Ho Po-pui (Navy). Tse Kam-hung (Police), Britt (Navy), Maxwell (Police), and Pope (Police). Owens (Navy), and Carter (Police).

REST "B":—Reynolds (Ordnance), Rutherford (Army), (Capt.), and Fraser (Royal Regt); Britt (Navy), Maxwell (Police), and Pope (Police). Owens (Navy), and Carter (Police). O'Regan (Navy) and Fox (Engineers).



Jackie Anderson scoring the first home run for Wahoos in Sunday's Softball surprise, when Wahoos beat Wildcats by 17-16. On right is Wildcat Cynthia da Motta.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Football

SIX matches were drawn in Saturday's soccer programme and Eastern, as the result of a 4-2 win over Middlesex, are now leading the First division League table. Engineers had no difficulty in retaining their unbeaten record when they easily beat Police. Banham, the referee, who was taken ill in the morning could not turn up and a spectator officiated.

Signals and Air Force, leading teams in Third Division, had a hard tussle at Chatham Road and shared two goals.

Rugby

NAVY are almost assured of the Quadrangular Rugby title as the result of their win over Club on Saturday by 13 points to 3. The score was 3 all with 20 minutes to go.

A Club "A" team, which included several players from Police beat Navy "A" by 17 points to 9.

Rowing

THE Volunteer rowing regatta on Saturday provided some good sport but probably, because of the inaccessibility of the venue only a handful of spectators, including a good sprinkling of the fair sex, was present.

Scottish Company were worthy winners of the Inter-Unit Fours, with First Battery "A" a crew of novices, runners-up.

Carter and Colls won the Open

Pairs Championship in fine style from McDowell and Pollock, a pair who had been highly-fancied.

Cricket

SCORING was on the high side in Saturday's cricket programme and two scores of over 80 were registered. In consequence bowlers were not as successful as they have been recently and N. Singh's 5 for 17 was the best performance of the day.

Leading feats were:

	BATTING	89
F. J. Lay	139	88
J. M. Gosano	139	59
Capt. Lawrence	139	55
P. M. N. da Silva	139	53
H. E. Hayward	139	46
D. J. N. Anderson	139	43
A. H. Madar	139	42
Abbas	139	41
K. J. Attwell	139	40
L. R. Burch	139	39
	BOWLING	
N. Singh	5 for 17	
Hawkins	5 for 33	
A. H. Madar	4 for 21	
A. M. Omar	4 for 27	
Holder	4 for 27	
H. L. Ozorio	4 for 27	
A. J. Hulse	4 for 35	
F. R. Zimmern	4 for 41	
J. F. McGowan	4 for 32	



SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS

Wildcats 16, Cardinals 8.

Wahoos 16, Chung Hwa 2.

Cannikettes 16, Ramblerettes 16.

MEN

First Division

Beccles Aces 13, Canucks 5.

Cyclones 8, Filipinas 1.

Chinese Baseballers 2, Indians 12.

HONG

Shell 2, Hong Kong Bank 6.

Lucas 17, Cables 4.

FRIENDLY

U.S. Tulsa 7, St. Joseph's 14.

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Garrison Billiards And Snooker

Following are the results of Garrison Billiards League matches during the period December 9 to 18:

R.A.S.C.	7 pts.	R.A.O.C.	NIL
Sgt. Harden	150	S/S. Emberson	(23)
(20)	150	L. Ebbage	(24)
Q.M.S. Wood	104	R.A.S.C.	11
(28)	150	2/R. Scots	7
Pte. Haigh	150	R.E.	7
(24)	150	C.M. Police	10
Pte. Middleton	116	Royal Signals	9
Sgt. Murphy	91	R.A.P.C.	10
Sgt. Hamlin	133	6th A.A. Regt. R.A.	9
R.A.	7	R.A.O.C.	9
Gnr. Milne	150	2/Royal Scots	2
(21)	119	Up. Octon	(21)
Sgt. Lavis (27)	134	Pte. Gordon	150
Q.M.S. Beaumont	150	Pte. Watters	(23)
BSM. Humphries	150	L/C. Jenkins	(25)
Bdr. Kennedy	150	Sgt. Whippay	(25)
Sgt. Bevin	150	Sgt. Clark	(21)
12th H. Regt.	4 pts.	R.E.	3 pts.
R.A.	150	Sgt. Crittenton	111
Gnr. Cummings	150	Sgt. Green	129
Gar. Frost	150	Sgt. Simmons	150
L/B. Brown	150	Sgt. Ratcliffe	150
L/B. Hannan	150	Sgt. Thompson	135
Gar. Burrows	150	Sgt. Monaghan	(20)
Gnr. Sharp	150	R.C. Police	2 pts.
R.A.M.C.	5 pts.	Lt. Dixon	150
Cpl. Harvey	150	Pte. Howe	150
Sgt. Wyre	150	Sgt. Whittton	123
(26)	122	L/C. Whittle	(27)
Sgt. Lavis	150	L/C. Thompson	(23)
S/S. Terran	106	L/C. Teggarty	106
Pte. Whybro	105	L/C. Chift	105
(23)	150	R.A.O.C.	1 pt.
R.A.O.C.	6 pts.	Sgt. Hamlin	150
S/C. Wardle	150	Sgt. Ashman	122
L/C. Ebbage	150	Sgt. McManus	122
S/C. Gardner	150	Sgt. Dean	200
S/S. Emberson	150	Sgt. Lavis	195
(30)	104	Sgt. Pitt	150
Sgt. Pitt	150	Pte. Hailgh	(31)
L/C. Paul (22)	150	R.A.S.C.	1 pt.
Royal Signals	3 pts.	R.A.P.C.	4 pts.
Q.M.S. Sayers	150	Sgt. Murphy	104
Sgt. Pearson	150	Sgt. Chalcraft	119
Cpl. Blount	150	Sgt. Adam	142
Sgt. Liley	150	S/S. Norrell	(21)
Sgt. Allen	129	Sgt. Cadden	(20)
Sgt. Sproul	150	Sgt. Murray	(24) (22)
C.M. Police	1 pt.	R.E.	1 pt.
L/C. Thompson	150	R.A.O.C.	1 pt.
(23) (25)	150	L/S. Sheldrake	84
L/C. Teggarty	150	Sgt. Monaghan	117
L/C. Chift	150	Sgt. Simmons	150
L/C. Willis	150	Sgt. Crittenton	140
Capt. Hyde	150	Sgt. Ratcliffe	115
Sgt. Whittton	150	L/C. Thompson	125
R.A.S.C.	7 pts.	R.A.M.C.	5 pts.
Sgt. Murphy	150	Pte. Howe	150
Sgt. Hamlin	150	Cpl. Harvey	(20)
(20)	105	R.E.	150
Q.M.S. Wood	150	Pte. Whybro	(35)
Pte. Haigh	150	Lt. Dixon	150
Sgt. Harden	150	S/S. Terran	(28)
L/C. Middleton	150	Sgt. Wyre	(24)
5th A.A. Regt.	1 pt.	R.A.O.C.	1 pt.
R.A.	6 pts.	R.A.S.C.	2 pts.
BSM. Humphries	80	Sgt. Pitt	107
BSM. Scragg	130	Sgt. Murphy	75
Q.M.S. Beaumont	130	L/C. Middleton	73
Sgt. Lavis	110	S.M. Ashman	110
Bdr. Kennedy	74	Sgt. Dean	150
Gnr. Milne	150	Q.M.S. Wood	(27)
(21)	150	Pte. Haigh	(20) (26)
R.A.M.C.	5 pts.	R.E.	150
Cpl. Harvey	75	L/C. Thomson	137
(23) (23)	150	Sgt. Crittenton	150
Sgt. Wyre	75	Spr. Simmons	150
(21) (25)	150	Sgt. Ratcliffe	72
S/S. Terran	150	Sgt. Monaghan	108
(23) (27)	150	L/S. Sheldrake	150
Lt. Dixon	70	Sgt. Teggarty	150
Pte. Howe	150	R.A.O.C.	4 pts.
R.E.	3 pts.	5th A.A. Regt.	R.A.
L/C. Thompson	150	3 pts.	1 pt.
Sgt. Crittenton	130	Sgt. Cadden	150
Spr. Simmons	112	Sgt. Pitt	150
Sgt. Ratcliffe	150	Sgt. Sheldrake	150
Spr. Monaghan	150	Sgt. Whittton	150
L/S. Sheldrake	131	Sgt. Clegg	147
R.A.O.C.	131	Sgt. Scragg	147
Lt. Ebbage	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(36)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
S/C. Wardle	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
S/C. Gardner	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
S/S. Emberson	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
Sgt. Pitt (22)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
Cpl. Ewens	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
R.A.M.C.	1 pt.	Sgt. Clegg	147
Lt. Dixon	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(22) (23)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
S/S. Terran	121	Sgt. Clegg	147
(20)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
Pte. Howe	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(26) (26)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
Sgt. Wyre (42)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
Cpl. Harvey	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(21) (24)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
Pte. Whybro	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(20) (20)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
C.M. Police	5 pts.	Sgt. Clegg	147
Sgt. Whittton	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(20)	128	Sgt. Clegg	147
L/C. Willis	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
L/C. Teggarty	150	Sgt. Clegg	147
(29) (22) (21)	150	Sgt. Clegg	147

League Positions Up To 20/12/40

P.	W.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	14	0	82
R.A.S.C.	11	4	43
2/R. Scots	8	2	42
R.E.	11	7	38
C.M. Police	10	6	32
Royal Signals	9	3	30
R.A.P.C.	10	3	24
6th A.A. Regt. R.A.	9	3	20
R.A.O.C.	9	2	17
12th H. Regt. R.A.	6	2	15

Soldiers' Club Tournament

FIRST ROUND			
R.A.S.C.	1542 pts.	7th H.A.A. Bty.	R.A.
	1328 pts.		
Sgt. Dean	200	Sgt. Lavis	195
Sgt. Harden	200	Gnr. McManus	
Sgt. Hamlin	155	Gnr. Milne	200
Sgt. Haigh	171		
(21) (23)	200	BSM. Scragg	87
Q.M.S. Wood	200	BSM. Hum-	
(23) (23)	200	phries	129
Sgt. Murphy	200	Q.M.S. Beaumont	183
S.M. Ashman	83	Sgt. Dodd	163

L/C. Middle- Bdr. Kennedy

SECOND ROUND		
R.A.M.C.	1000 pts.	"HQ" Coy.
	883 pts.	2/R. Scots
Lt. Dixon	(22)	Pte. Gordon
(20) (21)	200	Pte. Clark
Cpl. Harvey	(31) (28)	Sgt. Clark
(32) (27)	150	Pte. Plommer
Pte. Whybro	(22)	Pip. Milne
(23) (30)	200	Pte. Bell
Cpl. Morris	(20)	Pte. Prico
Pte. Howe	(21)	
(21) (21)	200	Sgt. Crichton
Sgt. Wyre	(27)	Cpl. Octon
S/S. Terran	200	L/C. Fowler
(24)	200	L/C. Blackie

Garrison Challenge Cup

SECOND ROUND			
R.A.O.C.	690 pts.	R.A.S.C.	872 pts.
S/C. Wardle	123	Sgt. Hamlin	150
L/C. Ebbage	150	S.M. Ashman	122
S/C. Gardner	150	L/C. Middle-	
(25)	117	ton	150
Sgt. Hamlin	171	Sgt. Murphy	
(32) (29)	200	BSM. Scragg	87
Q.M.S. Wood	200	BSM. Hum-	
(23) (23)	200	phries	129
Sgt. Murphy	200	Q.M.S. Beaumont	183
L/C. Paul	83	Pte. Haigh	
(22)	83	(31)	150

R.A.M.C. 900 pts. "B" Coy. 2/R. Scots 495 pts.

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BRITISH PLANES LAND IN EIRE

Two British planes landed in Eire yesterday, according to an official statement issued in Dublin yesterday, and the crews were interned.—Reuter.

THE WILL TO FIGHT

There is a great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made in Khartum yesterday to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Hussars officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after a lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or in kind for Britain's war effort.—Reuter.

SYRIAN ATTITUDE

THE POPULATION OF SYRIA IS GROWING LESS READY TO ACCEPT GERMAN DEMANDS, REPORTS ANKARA RADIO.

Sympathy is growing in Syria, says Ankara radio, among the French and Arabs for Great Britain and General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

SIX TO ONE RATIO

British And Axis Losses In Dog Fights

Sharp Clashes Over Western Desert

GERMAN AIR RAIDS over Britain during the week ending December 21 were on an unusually light scale but six planes were shot down for the loss of one British fighter.

Detailed figures show that on December 15, 16 and 20 no enemy planes were bagged. On December 17, 18 and 19 one German machine was lost each night. On December 21, three German and one British plane were lost.

JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION

The first Japanese military mission of its kind since 1918 left Japan en route for Germany and Italy yesterday.

The Demel agency says the mission is headed by Lt.-Gen. Yamashita, Director-General of Military Aviation, and is traveling via Siberia.

A similar mission during the last war visited the Western Front and brought back information leading to improvements in the equipment of the Japanese army.—Reuter.

Meanwhile the heavy British raids over Germany, including three concentrated attacks on Mannheim and the daring thirty-seventh raid on Berlin, were continued every night.

Three British planes were lost during the night of Dec. 15/16 and four during the night of Dec. 16/17 but there were no losses on other nights, including the Berlin raid.

Confirmed figures for the Western Desert air battles in this period are, at present, unavailable, but during the week ending Dec. 18, 68 Italian planes are definitely known to have been destroyed in combat for the loss of 10 British planes, bringing the total Italian planes confirmed as destroyed by the R.A.F. since Italy entered the war to 385, while a further 158 were destroyed on the ground.—Reuter.

INDIA'S DRIVE FOR WAR

Further gifts for planes and for air-raid distress were announced yesterday.

A sum of £1,800 has been received from Chinese members and friends of the Sino-British Cultural Association for air-raid relief, and a further sum of £1,162 has been received from Kenya for the purchase of three mobile canteens — one for London, one for Liverpool and the third for anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The East India Fund has sent a further gift of £20,000 for the purchase of "Spitfires," making its total contributions so far amount to £350,000. The same Fund has sent £1,000 to King George's Fund for Sailors.

Punjab University is putting its entire resources for war purposes at the disposal of the British Government, and is also asking for increased facilities for military training for members of the University.

The workshops of the India Railways are turning out large quantities of essential supplies and are arranging to train nearly 2,000 men under the Government of India scheme.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has sent Mr. Winston Churchill a cheque for £5,000, completing the gift of £50,000 for fighters' aircraft sent by the Netherlands East Indies on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's recent birthday.—Reuter.

DEFENCE IN MALAYA

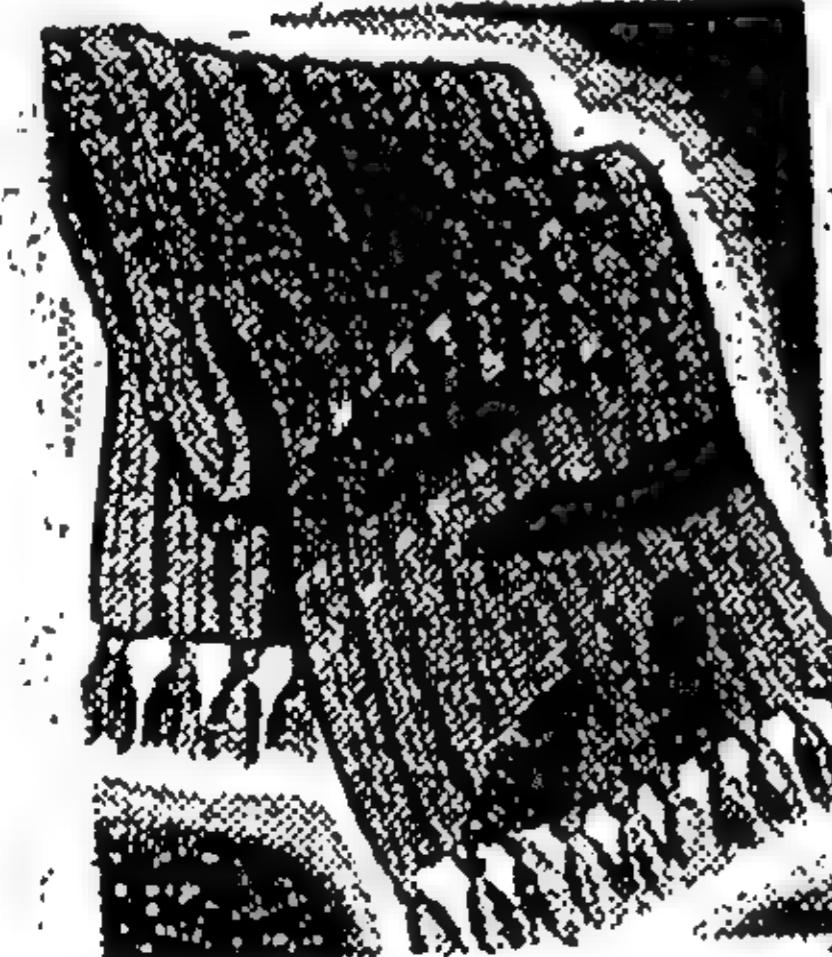
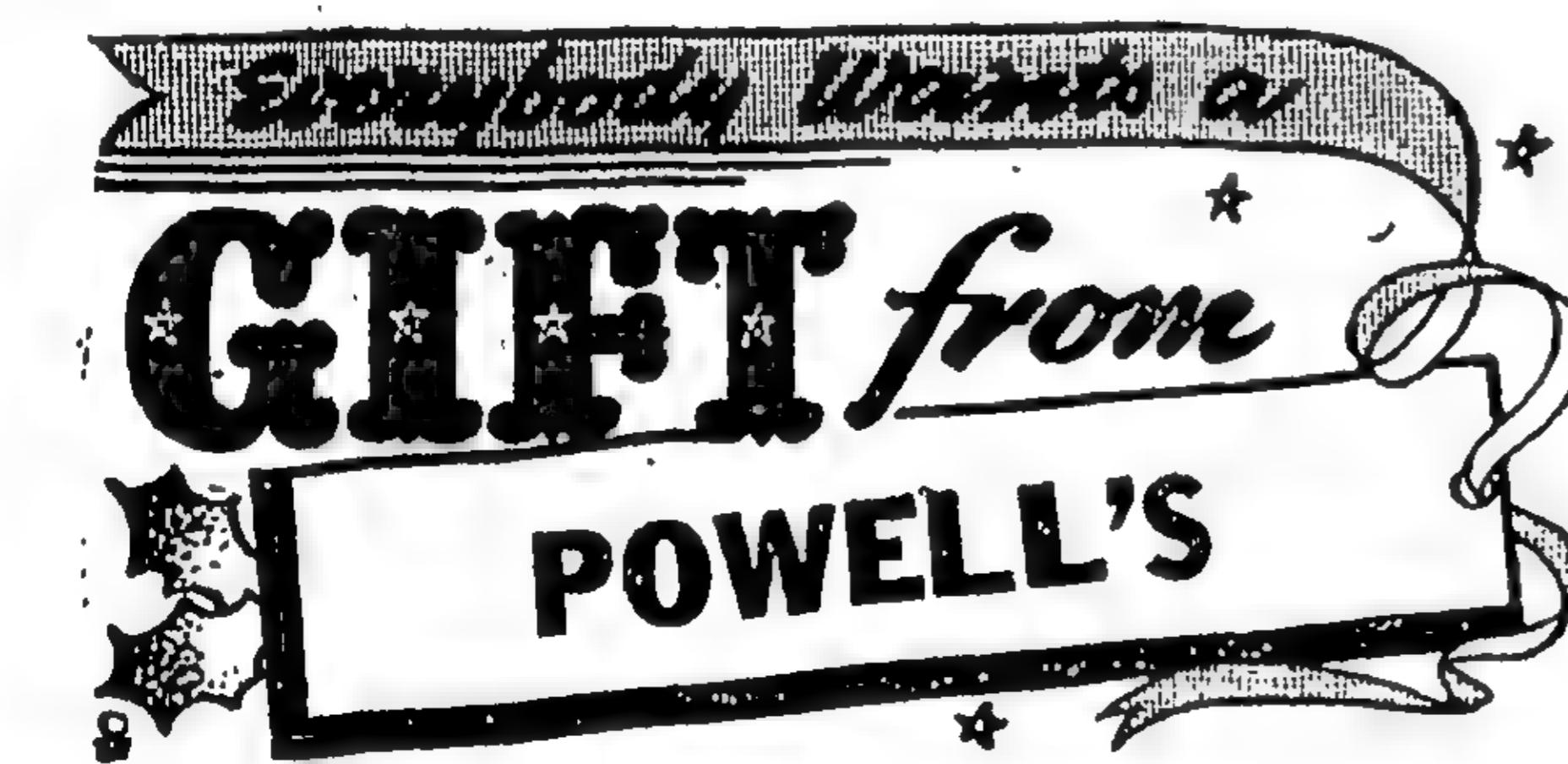
THE KINGDOM OF MALAYA, ADDITION TO SINGAPORE AND BRITISH BORNEO IS BECOMING A STATE OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH, MR. THOMAS THOMAS GOVERNOR OF THE STRAITT SETTLEMENTS, IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY.

Schemes for bringing the civilian defence services to a higher state of efficiency will be accelerated and extended.

The complete registration of all women available for war work will be carried out immediately.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

An Indian Guard (No. S66) was wounded in the left leg at 8 a.m. yesterday by a bullet from a revolver which discharged when the guard accidentally dropped it on the ground. The man was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital. His condition is not serious.



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Lord Halifax Forecasts Accurate

Conforming to forecasts, an official announcement issued in London last night confirmed the appointment of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, as British Ambassador in Washington in succession to the late Lord Lothian.

Lord Halifax is succeeded at the Foreign Office by Mr. Anthony Eden, at present Secretary for War, who thus returns to the post he held under Mr. Chamberlain which he resigned as a protest against the appeasement of Italy policy.—Reuter.

PETAIN TO TAKE NO MILITARY INITIATIVE

"IF MARSHAL PETAIN is determined to take no military initiative against anyone he is also determined to preserve for France what she has acquired from pain," declared General Bergeret, French Minister for Air, in a broadcast from Beirut reported by the French news agency yesterday.

General Bergeret said he would be able to report very favourably to Marshal Petain, following his inspection of the French air force in Syria and Lebanon.

"Men of Syria and Lebanon, I can assure you that in spite of his preoccupations in Europe the Marshal is not forgetting any territory where the French flag waves."

"You can have confidence in the Marshal and he has confidence in you."—Reuter.

GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUE!

Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world—so Herr Frank, Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakov during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory."

"The highest good, the greatest gift Almighty God has given to man, is to be a German."

"We are asked to believe the world is German. Never before have we been so called."

Referring to Hitler, the said:

"He who is in complete intimacy, the most completely great in his knowledge, wisdom, and skill is called upon to be the leader of the world, unhampered by anyone."

"The Almighty made this German nation so that it may carry the light into the wilderness!"—Reuter.

NIGHT RAIDS OVER WIDE AREA

Enemy air activity over Britain during the daylight hours yesterday was very small but after darkness were reported from several districts, including northern towns Liverpool, east Midland towns and towns in west and south-west England and Wales.

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of heavy bombing but in several places raiders met a strong anti-aircraft barrage.

The alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dusk and there were indications that

Tanks Destroying Points Of Resistance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SLOWLY AND METHODICALLY, BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES ENGAGED IN THE OPERATIONS ROUND BESIEGED BARDIA ARE DESTROYING ODD POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN THE RING OF DEFENCES, IN PREPARATION FOR THE COUP DE GRACE.

Bardia's defenders are being steadily battered by relays of aircraft, and are under constant bombardment from British artillery, backed up by the heavy guns of naval units standing out to sea.

In the meantime, the troops round Bardia are being steadily reinforced although there is no indication that the final assault on the Italian stronghold is imminent.

Scores of additional prisoners are being taken as the armoured units isolate and destroy points in the Italian pillbox system in their constant forays against the line, seeking for the weaker points.

Simultaneously, other units are operating to the west of Bardia making sure that Graziani is unable to reinforce the garrison of Bardia, estimated at about 35,000 men, nor come to its relief.

Cairo Communiqué

British H.Q. in Cairo, announcing yesterday that Bardia is now completely invested, added (says Reuter):

A further seven guns from a frontier post we recently occupied have now been collected.

The situation on other fronts is unchanged."

Some of the thousands of prisoners taken in the Western Desert have been sent to Palestine, where they are being put in a special camp in the Central Judean Plain.

Some 2,000 arrived on Saturday.

MORE NAZI TROOPS IN RUMANIA

NEW DETACHMENTS OF GERMAN TROOPS OF "INSTRUCTION" HAVE ARRIVED AT TIMISOARA, IN RUMANIA, DURING THE WEEK, ACCORDING TO A BUCHAREST NEWS-PAPER REPORT TO THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The report adds that General Huber has been appointed supreme commander of German troops in the Timisoara district. Timisoara has important railway communications with Yugoslavia and Hungary.—Reuter.

A very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders.

During the day one Junkers 88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England.—Reuter.

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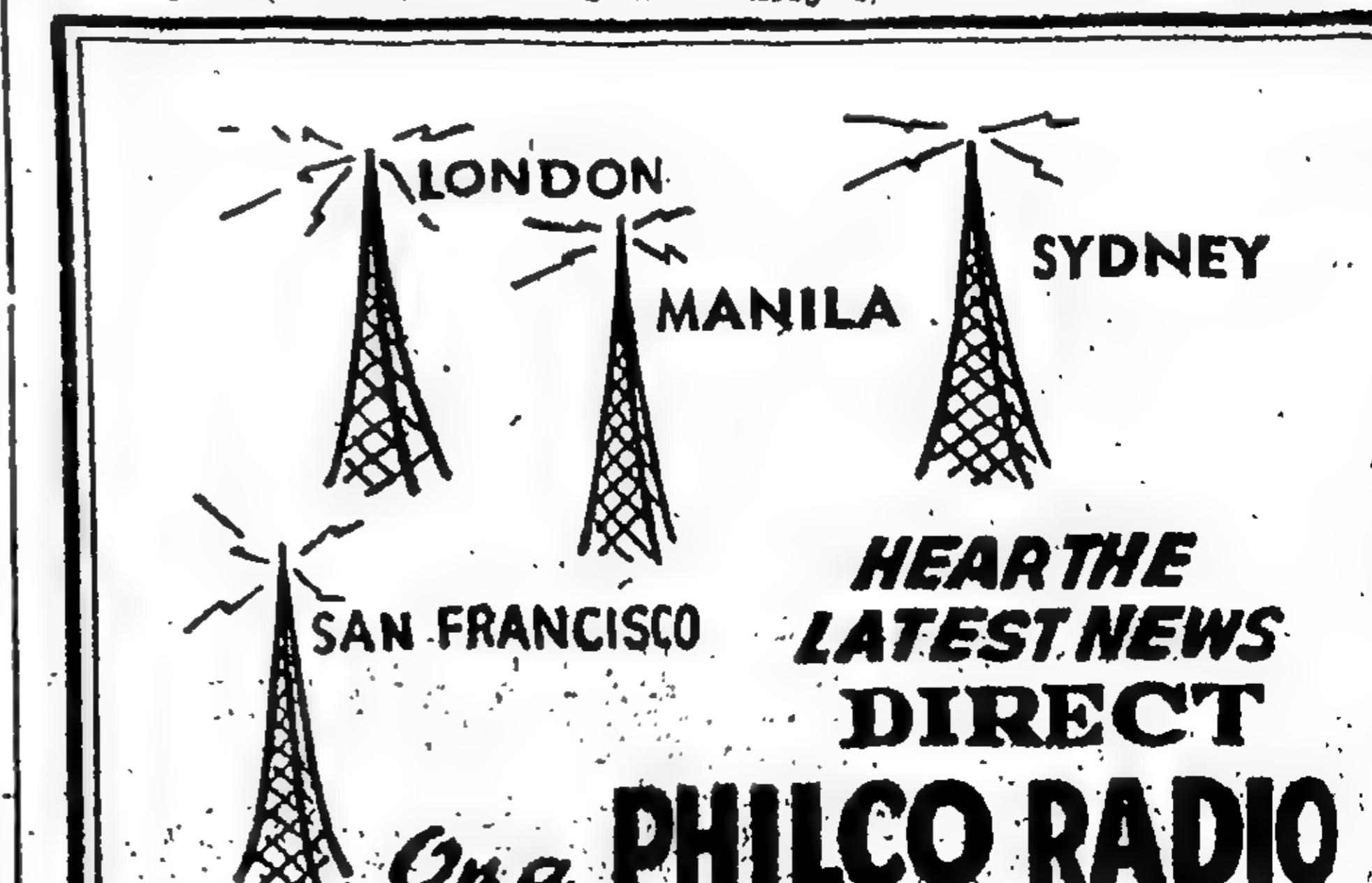
SUBMARINE SWORDFISH OVERDUE

The British submarine Swordfish (Lt. M. A. Langley) is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communiqué issued in London yesterday says Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL ORDERS

The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$284,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing submarine nets at the entrance of strategic harbours, it was announced in Washington yesterday.—Reuter.

"Intended to camouflage subversive actions by the Rumanian Legion," and he demanded that they should cease.—Reuter.



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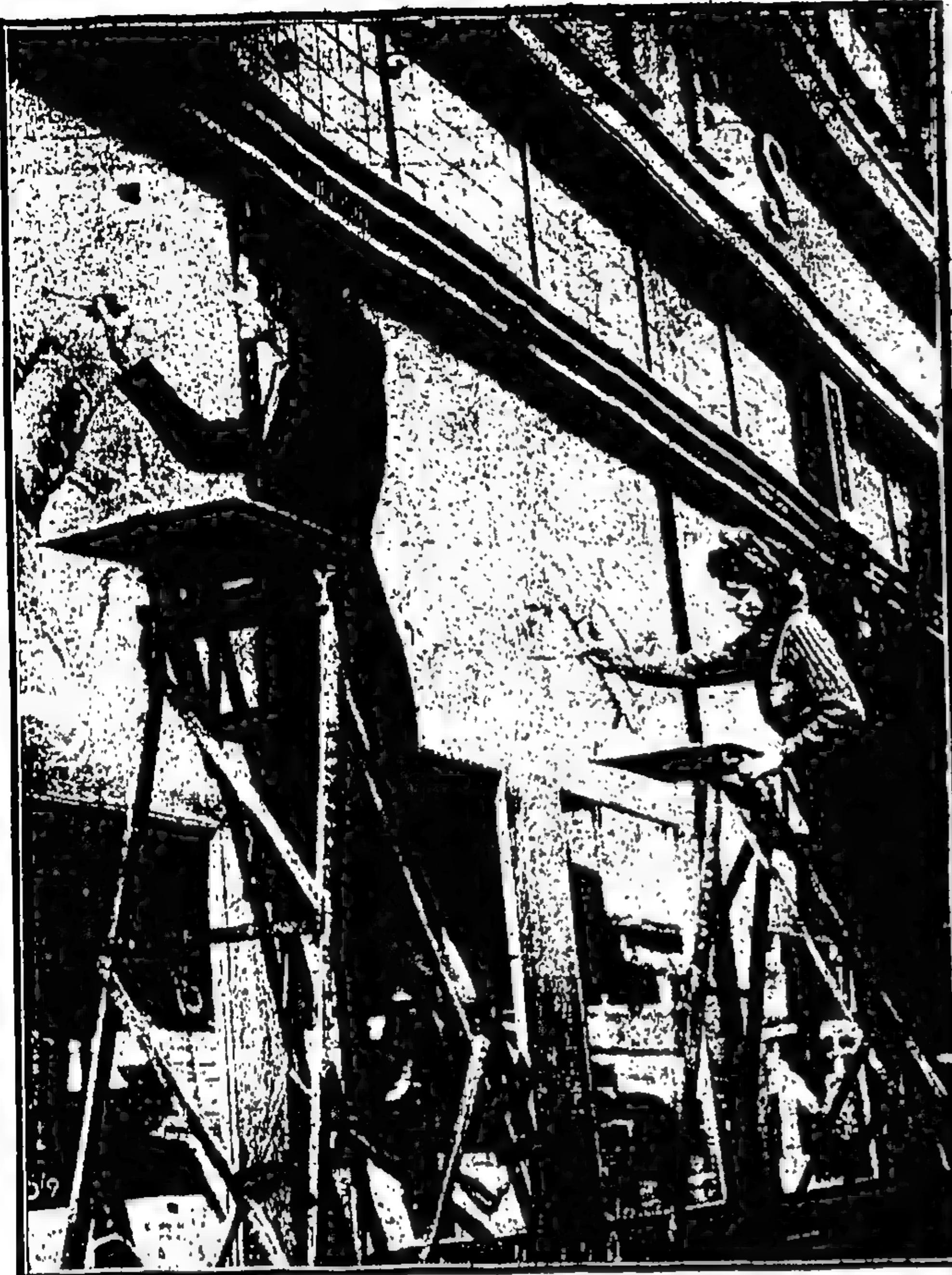
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Navy And Air Force Hold The Fort

"AS LONG AS THE British Navy retains the mastery and the British Air Force is undefeated, a landing operation in Britain will be extraordinary difficult," writes "Trud," organ of the Soviet trade unions, in Moscow yesterday.

The newspaper adds: "The British Air Force is restoring its losses from its own resources and with American aid.

"In spite of British losses, total British tonnage exceeds the indispensable minimum of eight to nine million tons.

"According to the foreign press England has 40 to 50 trained divisions, including at least five tank divisions.

"In order to make a successful invasion the Germans must land at least an equally strong force."

Commenting on the Italo-Greek war "Trud" says: "To oppose the Greek offensive the Italians have concentrated strong forces in Albania. The original Italian strength has been at least doubled.

Outcome Not Clear

"The appearance of the British Navy in the Adriatic, however, seriously menaces and hampers additional Italian reinforcements.

"The ultimate outcome is still not clear but if the Greeks succeed in entering Elbasan and Valona, it will doubtless spell a major Italian defeat."—Reuter.

IMPUDENT GERMAN THREATS

In a broadcast talk from Washington on the subject of the statement made by a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman on America's attitude, Linton Wells (the noted American commentator) said that officials in Washington state that Germany hopes to force the United States into war with Japan.

The object of this would be to divert America's attention to the East.

"Impudent" was the comment by the "New York Times" yesterday on the Berlin statement.

The German Government says the paper is poorly advised if it does not realize that both the political parties and the overwhelming mass of the people are united behind the policy of helping Britain so that the defence of the Atlantic remains in friendly hands.—Reuter.

DEATH FOR CHENGTU HOARDER

Yang Chuan-yu, former Mayor of Chengtu, has been sentenced to death by a military tribunal for hoarding wheat flour for profit against the wartime regulations. He will be executed by a firing squad to-day.

Ou Yuan-shu and Li Tso-cheng, accomplices, were sentenced to life imprisonment.

In collaboration with Ou and Li, Yang hoarded several hundred shih of wheat flour in the name of the Chen Min Flour Mill while he was Mayor of Chengtu.—Central News.

RAIDS IN YUNNAN

Japanese aircraft raided Yungping, Paoshan and Kokiu in Yunnan yesterday. Damage is understood to be slight.

Kunning was under air raid alarm from 8.45 a.m. to 3.05 p.m.—Central News.

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Revolt Spreading Through Abyssinia

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Sudan)

THE SOUND OF British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns, has brought new hope to the Abyssinians.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading.

3 CARS GIVEN TO WOMAN

Young Man's £800 Hotel Debts

"You are a very young man who has made a fool of himself," said Mr. Justice Black in Dublin Bankruptcy Court to Anthony Drew, 22, son of an English cotton printer and a native of Westmorland, who, in earlier proceedings, had stated that he spent an inheritance of £10,000 in 12 months.

Drew has admitted having £4,000 in a month to a Mrs. Winterbottom, who, it was stated, had lived with him in Irish hotels and was now living at the Carlton Hotel, London. He admitted owing £800 in Ireland, principally to hotels.

On his mother's death, it has been stated, Drew will receive a two-fifths share of his father's £8,000 estate.

£12,000 Loan Talk

Asked about a letter he wrote to a London firm negotiating for a loan of £12,000, Drew said that he hoped to get £700 to pay as interest from Mrs. Winterbottom. She had a trust fund from which she would get money.

Counsel: I put it to you that you receive money from a source you will not disclose to keep you in this country?—I receive no money except what I get from her.

He denied that he was keeping her at the Carlton Hotel. He said he had given her three expensive motor-cars. On Thursday she told him she had received £150 from the sale of one of them, but he had not given her authority to sell it.

Mr. Arthur Cox, for Drew, referred to a suggestion that he was in Ireland to avoid military service, and said that a London doctor had informed him that Drew was in a very poor state of health.

Mr. Justice Black said that the statement of some unknown doctor in London about Drew's health at some unspecified date might be of consequence or not, but he had enough to do with the financial side of the case without considering Drew's duty to the British Government.

The hearing was adjourned for a fortnight.

News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gojam, to the wilderness of Danakil and to the wide expanses of bush, with their sparse and scattered population.

The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" by which information flies from village to village in the heart of Africa.

The R.A.F.'s constant systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern Army of the Nile is close at hand.

Sudan Buzzing

The Sudan is buzzing with stories of risings across the border. In Khartum itself great satisfaction is expressed at the recent House of Commons statement by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs that the revolt in Abyssinia appeared to be making progress.—Reuter.

ALL OPEN HOMES TO CHILDREN

(By A Special Correspondent)

THE PEOPLE OF Britain have done more than open their hearts to the homeless child victims of London's air raids. They have thrown wide the doors of villa, cottage and farm, Willing hands are outstretched to care for them.

Bachelors, spinsters, widows, grandmothers and mothers with such large families of their own that "a few more will make no difference," have written so many letters offering homes to these war orphans that the Lord Mayor's London Air Raid Distress Fund have had to call a special meeting to deal with them.

There are practical letters: "I want to adopt a little girl."

"Put her on the train in charge of the guard, label her to me in the care of our local police and I will do the rest" (that from a soldier's wife).

Pathetic letters, too. "We have always wanted children of our own. Can you send us two babies?"

"If we are lucky enough to have you send us some of these kiddies, we will come to London to bring them safely to our home."

All of them stress the need for urgency in getting these "mites in the thick of the fight" safely out of London—and soon.

The Air Raid Distress Fund are seeing to that.

"Must Have Curls"

At the special meeting shoals of letters for the adoption of these

INDIA MINTING NEW COINS

THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO INSTITUTE LARGE-SCALE MINTING OF SILVER RUPEES FOR EARLY ISSUE OWING TO INCREASED DEMAND DUE TO TRADE AND ABSORPTION BY HOARDING. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

The new coins will consist of one half silver and one half alloy, compared with the present coins which are eleven-twelfths silver and one-twelfth alloy.

They will have a special groove on the edge which is practically an absolute safeguard against counterfeiting. — Reuter.

INDIAN GUARD WOUNDED

An Indian Guard (No. S60) was wounded in the left leg at 6 a.m. yesterday by a bullet from a revolver which discharged when the guard accidentally dropped it on the ground. The man was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital. His condition is not serious.



During air-raids, nurses at the Salvation Army Mothers Hospital in London spend much of their time knitting for mothers. They call themselves the "Nittwits." Photo shows nurses in the shelter busy knitting. (Copyright, Fox).

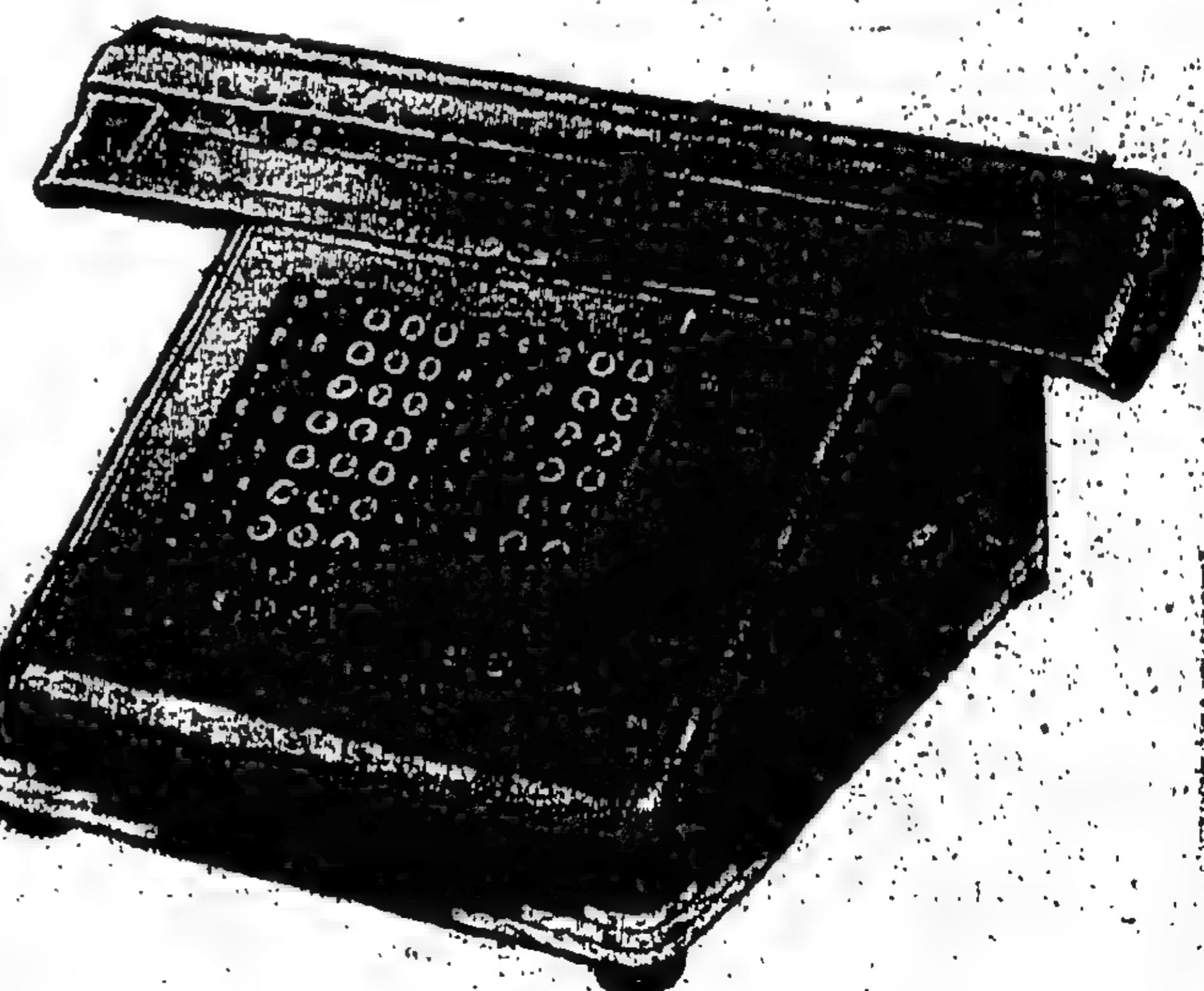
SHANGHAI SLAYING

A Japanese consular policeman was found lying in a pool of blood near Wen Miao Road in Nantao, Shanghai, on the night of December 20, suffering from serious knife wounds, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury."

He was rushed to the International Relief Committee's hospital in the Refugee Zone, but succumbed shortly to loss of blood.—Central News.

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But it is the prompting of a mother's heart.

A little boy himself wrote this letter from the North Country:

"Dear Lord Mayor—Please if you know of any very poor London boy who is a good and honest boy that is left without parents through this terrible bombing my mother will be very glad to give him a home. I have no brothers and sisters in my own."

"My dad died through being gassed in the last war. I would like to share my home with a boy my own age. I am fourteen."

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DEATH SENTENCES ON ALLEGED SPIES IN ITALY

VERY HEAVY sentences on 24 people accused of spying have been inflicted, announces Rome Radio.

The sentences include two of death, and those sentenced include two members of the Italian Navy, a workman in a firm of naval constructors and a trade representative at Taranto.

According to Rome Radio, a special tribunal for the defence of the State ended its case on Saturday evening against members of a "network of spies operating in Italy."

200-FEET LEAP FROM CATHEDRAL

Scaling ten feet high railings, with spikes turned inwards, and squeezing through a space only two feet wide, a forty-one-year-old aircraftman jumped 200 feet to death from the tower of Westminster Cathedral.

This story was told at the Westminster inquest on John Eric Fox, who had left behind a note saying that he had found life not worth living without his wife who was working with the N.A.A.F.I.s in a different part of the country.

He ascended the tower of Westminster Cathedral by lift. Later an air raid warning was given, and as he had not come down a search was made and a priest found him lying on the roof.

He left his cap, respirator, and a letter addressed to his wife in the tower.

Father L. M. Feery said as the result of a case that happened at the Cathedral ten or twelve years ago the tower was adequately protected and only a man with some physical development and a certain amount of nerve could get over the 10ft. railings.

Police-Sergeant John McWilliam said that Fox must have been a very athletic man, there being spikes turned inwards to climb over and a space of only 2ft. to get through.

The coroner, Mr. Bentley Purchase said he was satisfied that the railings on the tower were adequate except, perhaps, to anyone who would brook no obstacle. Verdict: Suicide while of unsound mind.

9 HOURS IN DEBRIS, UNHURT

Police searching among bombed cottages in a north-west town found an elderly woman still lying in bed unhurt, nine hours after the bombs fell. She had been bedridden for years, and was quite unable to help herself when the explosion shattered part of her house and exposed her in her bed to the street.

Rescue work had been going on all the time, but she had been overlooked.

Bed-ridden women of seventy and eighty and sick children escaped injury when a bomb fell near the wards of a north-west institute.

Heads Under Clothes

The women obeyed an instruction to put their heads under the bedclothes, and none was hurt when all the windows of the wards crashed in. Two elderly women sang a Scottish song. Nurse Margaret MacGuire was in a cottage when debris from the roof and ceiling fell on her. Barefooted and wearing only pyjamas she scrambled through a broken window and hurried to help other nurses bathe children covered with soot and dirt.

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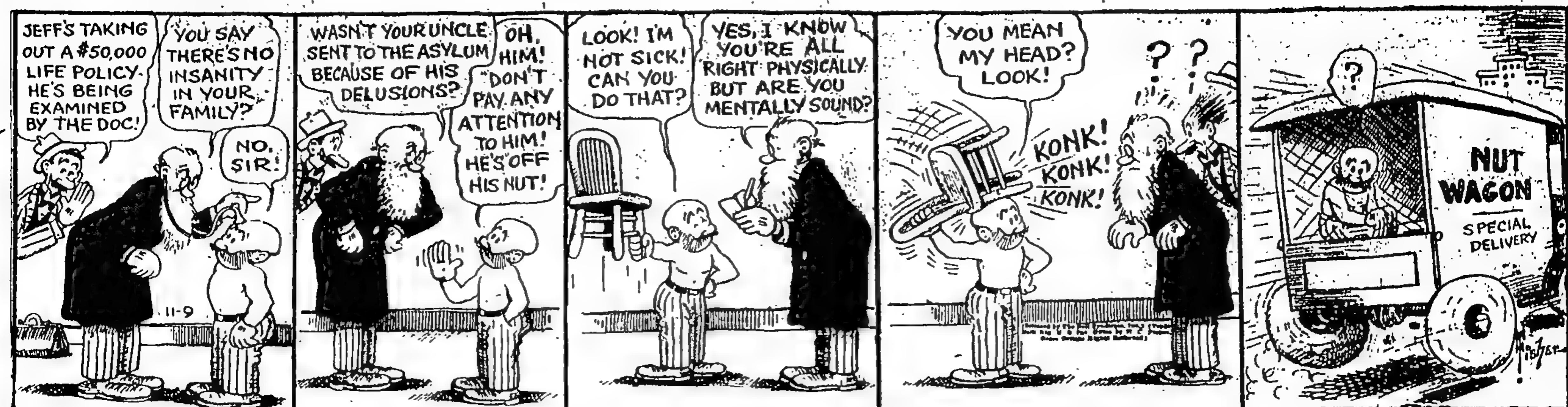
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FORCED WORK IN FRANCE

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Peasants are forbidden to thresh corn, gather the potato corps, or slaughter cattle without the written permission of the Commandant. Sixty per cent. of the crop yield is earmarked by the German authorities and despatched in sealed sacks to Germany. Payment is made in marks at prices enforced by the Germans.

Women are forbidden to sew or

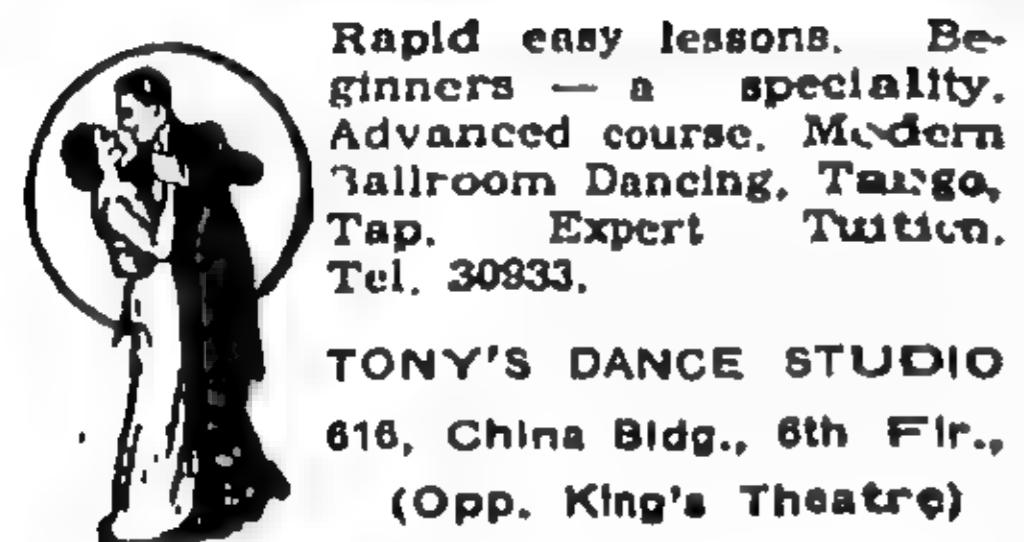
knit in the daytime, and must aid in gathering crops. German troops are forcing French Customs officials, who have little work to do, to labour in the fields and repair roads.

"Isolated Revolts"
Claim

The French Colonial Minister, M. Lemery, represents the decision of French African Colonies to support Gen. de Gaulle as isolated revolts. "The Government," he says, "is taking all steps to prevent their development, which would, if successful, aim a severe blow at the French interests."

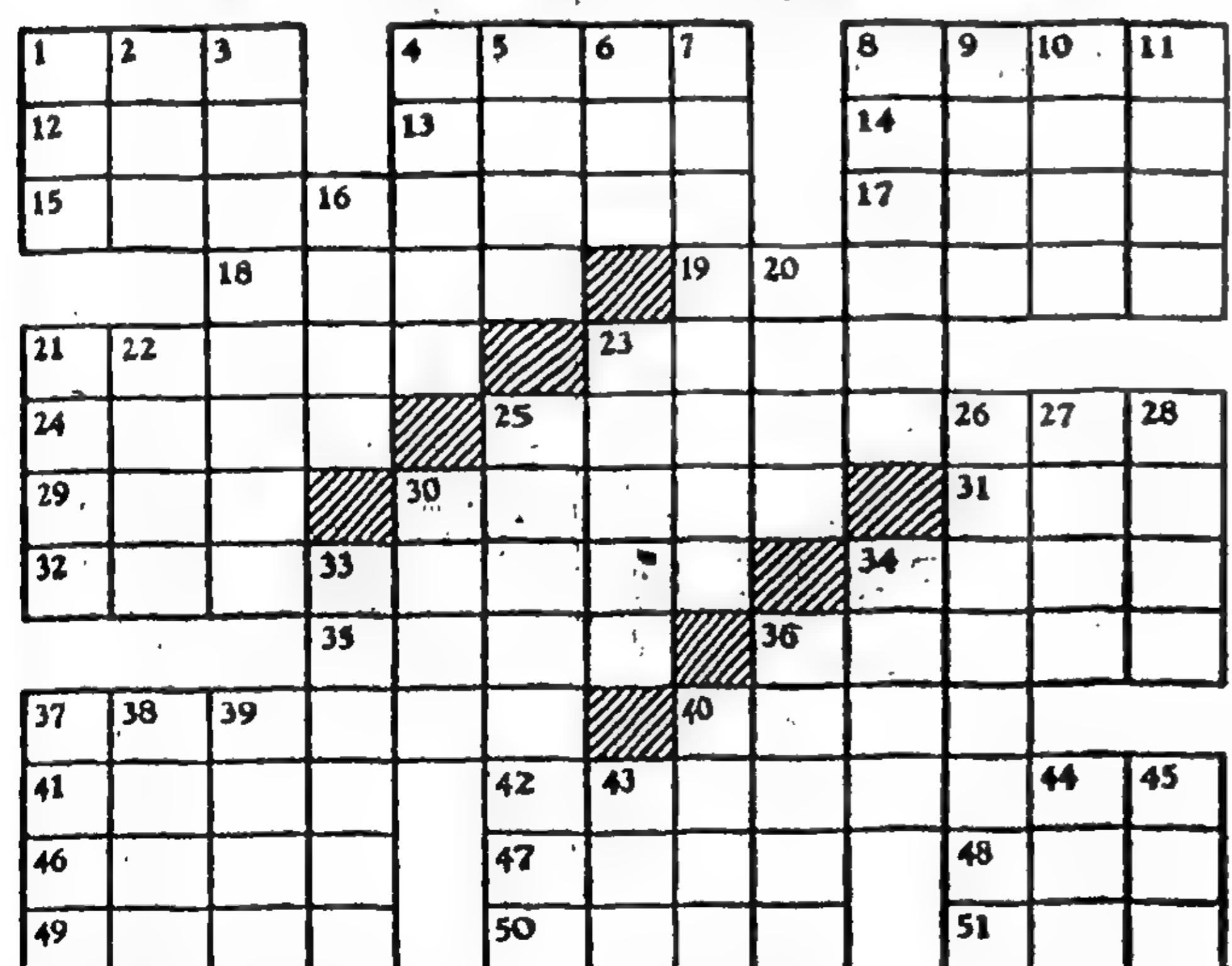
The chief of these steps is a veritable orgy of depriving Governors, Civil Servants and military authorities of their posts, but the Minister fails to state how these dismissals, made on paper, are enforceable by a Government boxed up at Vichy. In trying to account for the Colonies' decision to join Free Frenchmen M. Lemery, with unconscious humour, says: "The Colonies, confronted by the dilemma offered by the imperative clauses of the armistice settlement and economic problems, and also running the risk of seeing the maritime communications cut, have been unable, owing to lack of accurate information, to realise all that the Government is doing for them."

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HORIZONTAL

- Queen of the fairies
- Poisonous snakes
- Carnivorous quadruped
- Wing
- Outer garment
- Man's name
- Paid office without employment
- Girl
- To rip
- To awaken
- To manipulate
- To prepare for publication
- Is mistaken
- Archbishop
- Fish eggs
- Salary
- Thigh joint
- To attempt
- Greek goddess
- Mine entrance
- To surround
- Fragment
- Enemies
- Intermittent fever

- To flood
- To stagger
- Bacteriologist's wire
- Card game
- Thomas Hardy heroine
- To require
- Poetic: distant

- Male
- Moslem name
- Chaffed Asiatic country
- Ancient Asiatic country
- Tart
- Golf term
- Firmer
- Ball
- Sloth

- Plant with numerous small leaves
- South African ox
- Snake-like fishes
- Borderers
- Part of "to be"
- To smooth
- Grass disease
- Building of ornamental character
- Division of ancient Greece
- European country
- Argument
- To walk with difficulty
- Painters' stands
- Notice
- Studied assiduously
- Marketplace
- Curved molding
- Regrets
- To merge
- Also
- Vast age

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I was received on the quarter-deck of this remarkable ship, which, commanded by a Royal Naval captain with a full company of officers, has a ship's company which includes a number of very efficient Wrens.

The quarter deck, from which the officer commanding directs operations, receives other officers and metes out justice to the men under his command, is actually a bleak stone-walled vault in a large stone underground building. The entire ship is indeed built of concrete and stone.

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An Actual Ship

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I visited the armourer's shop, the gunnery office, where there were Wrens at work, the regulating office, all underground, so that vital work of the base shall suffer no disturbance from enemy action.

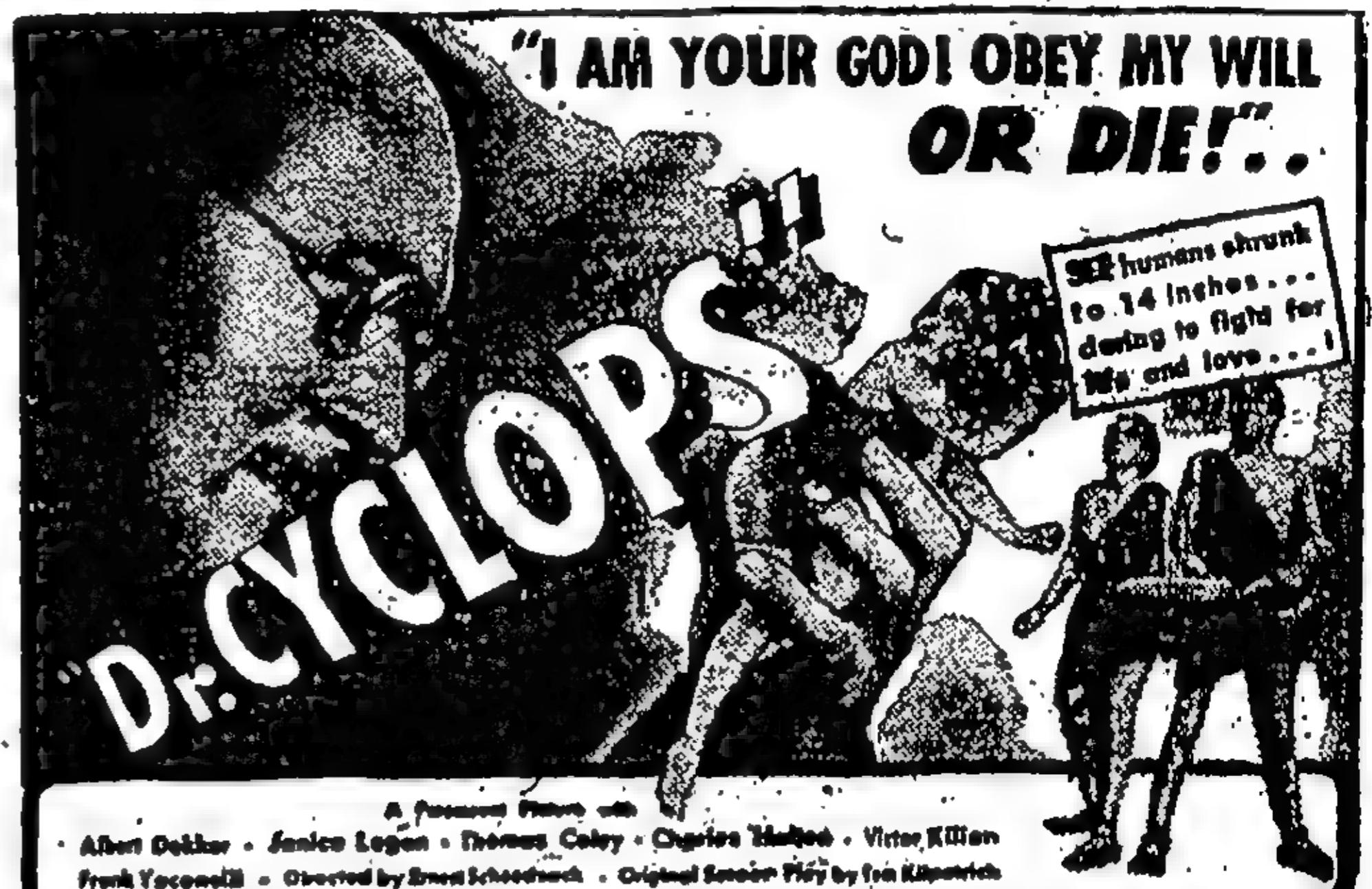
It will be realised that with ever-changing dispositions of our own and enemy minefields safe navigation on the English Channel is a ticklish business these days. And so upon this office every ship entering or leaving the Dover base depends for information which will ensure it a safe passage.

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SIDELIGHTS OF RAIDS ON BRITAIN

A WOMAN DIED in an air raid shielding with her body the seven-year-old evacuee boy who was billeted on her. The boy was badly injured, but he sang while rescuers worked to extricate him from the debris of the house.

The boy told the police who rescued him: "I prayed that I should be saved. I shall love you policemen always."

People of a bombed street were cheering a bedridden man of seventy-five, Mr. Albert Edward Wood.

Unable to leave his bed, he persuaded his wife to go to the shelter and lay by himself while the raiders attacked.

A bomb dropped on the bungalow next door. The windows of his house were shattered.

When they went to see him afterwards someone asked: "Are you all right, dad?" Dad smiled. "There wasn't anything to worry about," he said.

One man had dived into the garden when a German plane crashed into the garden and burst into flames. As the man lay there among the roses bullets were flying above him.

When the alarm was given, one pilot was in his pyjamas. He threw a scarf around his neck and rushed to the plane.

A bomb demolished a chicken run. Although the owner was injured, he gathered up the birds which had been killed by the blast and sold them to neighbours.

A young married woman, who only a fortnight ago gave birth to a baby, was killed when her cottage was wrecked. The baby was unharmed.

Two hundred people who took refuge in a shelter near a theatre had a free show.

When the sirens sounded everyone in the theatre—cast, producers, artistic directors and authors—went together to the shelter, which had plenty of room. So they carried on with their rehearsal.

A family emerged from their cellar to find their home almost an entire wreck. But the two young daughters rescued the lunch of chicken and dumplings from the oven and the family ate it in picnic fashion on the back lawn.

Another family stayed for several minutes after the air raid warning had been given to finish what they were eating. They had just got to the cellar when a bomb exploded, wrecking their home.

"It's a good job we didn't wait for the sweet course," said the father.

Four high explosive bombs fell in a back garden by an Anderson shelter. One exploded

three yards from the entrance, but no one was killed.

A marriage ceremony was carried through at a church during the raid. "This is a good start," said the bridegroom to the driver of his car. "They're playing the 'Wedding March' before we get to the church."

"I was standing in the kitchen shelling peas and when I looked up there he stood..."

In these words a housewife told her neighbours of her unexpected meeting with a German airman. He was one of the crew of a German bomber which crashed in a field near the woman's house. He walked in the back door and gave himself up.

Another woman found a wallet belonging to a German airman who broke his leg when he landed by parachute. He thanked her profusely when she returned the wallet to him. It contained a photograph of his wife.

A ninety-two year old woman was too stout to enter the Anderson shelter in the back garden of her house, and she was killed when a bomb demolished her house.

One German airman came down low over a hill and machine-gunned a herd of cows, several of which had to be shot.

Enemy planes fired machine-gun volleys in the street and a bus driver had an escape when a bullet passed through the window close to his head.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON CELL

A prisoner has made a daring escape from the police cells at Blackpool.

He was James Heaton (19), who earlier in the day had been committed for trial at Preston Sessions on three charges of shop breaking.

Police Constable Charles Parr, who went to attend Heaton in the cells, was found with severe head injuries and with his keys missing.

Passing through the open cell door, Heaton had opened a barred gate only a few feet away from the charge office, run along a corridor, mounted a spiral staircase, gone through two court rooms and, descending the stairs, had forced the main street entrance to the courts and escaped into the street under cover of the black-out.

DANCING CONTEST

OVER 150 COUPLES PACKED THE RITZ YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO WATCH THE ANNUAL AMATEUR DANCING COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE DANCERS' ASSOCIATION.

Nine couples took part in Tango, East and Slow Fox Trot, and Waltz events, while Mr. T. C. Kee and Miss Tang gave a demonstration of the Tango.

First prize was awarded to Mr. Wong Man and Miss Chan, second to Mr. Tee Kim-hung, and third to Mr. Choi Tung and Miss Wong.

OFFICER'S PLEADS TO RE-ENLIST IN RANKS

Second Lieutenant Colin David Hugh Wemyss, praised for his gallantry in Norway, told a general court-martial that he was guilty of signing worthless cheques. Then he asked if he could enlist again as a private.

Second Lieutenant Wemyss is thirty-three and belongs to the officer-producing centre of the R.A.S.C. There were thirteen charges in connection with alleged worthless cheques, and one alleging misapplication of funds belonging to a regimental mess account.

To some of the charges he pleaded guilty, and these alone were proceeded with.

According to the prosecution, eight cheques were dishonoured between January and July 1940. "Having had the first cheque dishonoured, he was, of course, warned, and he should have seen the red light."

Then in April he was posted to Norway, and while there his overdrawn bank account recovered somewhat. But when he returned "the same old thing started again."

Served in Norway

A colonel under whom Wemyss served in Norway said that his bravery and gallantry when in charge of a petrol dump which had been fired caused him to recommend Wemyss for promotion. "As an officer he performed his duties in an exemplary manner."

Captain N. Jukes, for Wemyss, said that in civil life Lieutenant Wemyss was engaged in the oil industry in Canada, and gave up his business to enlist in the ranks.

The first cheques were given in good faith, and some of the bank letters about his overdraft never reached Wemyss.

After an unsatisfactory start to his career as an officer, he wiped all that out by his conduct in Norway. When he came back he had no kit at all, and was given leave to go to London to get some.

He eventually found himself under open arrest, and under the humiliation and worry of this he committed further offences.

The findings of the court will be made known.

LONG CHASE SUCCEEDS

Immediately after a German bomber had bombed an landing field in the West of England, two Spitfire pilots took off from the field, determined on revenge. For nearly 100 miles they followed the bomber, losing it from time to time in cloud and then picking it up again.

Eventually they got on its tail near Southampton. One of the fighters made a beam attack at 200 yards range, firing short bursts until smoke poured from the bomber.

"I pulled away. I saw that the enemy aircraft was losing height rapidly," the pilot said. "Then Number Two took up the attack from astern and expended all his ammunition."

"The enemy bomber flew low over the sea in a south-easterly direction for a few minutes. Then it turned and flew parallel with the coast. Immediately afterwards I saw the bomber dive into the sea and disappear."

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PLIGHT OF NEUTRALS

Though the war on land has shifted to the Mediterranean, the troubles of the neutrals in the north are by no means over. The Finns have to find shelter, clothes and livelihood for half a million refugees who gave up their own farms and houses in the border districts taken by Russia, rather than become Soviet citizens. In a country as rugged and short on resources as Finland this is not easy.

With its own access to the sea shut off and its western markets closed, Sweden not only finds it impossible to be as generous with aid to its neighbours as it was last winter, but has to think about its own supplies. A comparative chart, published by a Stockholm newspaper, shows that Sweden suffers from almost as many restrictions as Finland and German-occupied Norway and Denmark. Though it has made new trade treaties, certain commodities cannot be imported.

Both Finland and Sweden have been forced to admit the passage of unarmed German soldiers on leave to and from Norway. Very few have so far passed through Finland, where transportation facilities in the North are difficult, and in Sweden so far more men have come from Norway than have gone in the opposite direction. This situation was recognised in an address before the Royal Empire Society in London by Lord Sempill, who cautioned his countrymen against judging Sweden too hastily. "World events have forced Sweden into a corner," he said. For neutrals north and south in Europe the totalitarian drive has a similar meaning.

HEIR TO FASHION'S THRONE?

Paris, the city of fashion, is silent. But the art of design goes on, and keen is the competition for the crown of fashion elegance that belonged to the city of haute couture française.

New York, with its smart American couturiers, already claims succession to the throne. Hollywood, too, with its glamorous queens of film and fashion, aspires to become the new "Paris." Even in bomb-worried London, world famous designers still carry on, and the royal city of style may yet remain on that side of the Atlantic.

Madame Schiaparelli is

New Britain In The Making

British Labour's whole-hearted support of the present war, its increasing representation in the Government, and the growing impression that the present period will usher in a new era based upon Labour principles have made many of its leaders enthusiastically declare recently that "the future belongs to Labour."

For to a Europe in transition—indeed to a world in transition—it cannot be too strongly emphasised that Labour has definite ideas regarding the origin and outcome of the present war. It is convinced that the war would not have occurred had there been a genuine, democratic, and timely appreciation of what totalitarianism meant, and also that this conflict must be followed by the application of democratic ideas to the economic sphere.

These ideas have suddenly become something more than theory.

For Labour is speaking with a new voice of authority. From a period of "partial" cooperation in Britain during the early days of the war, it has attained a new place of responsibility and power. And in aiding Labour to attain this position—its representatives now hold key posts, not only in Britain's War Cabinet—but throughout the Government—Prime Minister Winston Churchill may have begun one of the most far-reaching steps in the chain of transition affecting the days that lie ahead.

Defence Differentiated

The long-range effects can only be understood if it be appreciated that Labour most strongly objects to associating the defence of democracy with defence of the existing distribution of social and economic power in

Britain as a purely static view of democracy.

The price of this war is the making of a more equal society, and this is only realisable in Labour's opinion through restricting, if not ending, those vested

interests which place profit-making before reconstruction. Nowadays the fundamental question is, Who are to enjoy that liberty and democracy for which Britain declares it is fighting to-day?

A new Britain is being born in the underground railway stations and shelters and the world emerging from the peace will not be the world that entered the war. The masses are beginning to ask that a start be made for a thorough-going redistribution of economic power in this country. The general thought of the British Nation is being gradually prepared for great changes, and the present catastrophe appears to many persons as just another chance for the Nation to choose wisely.

Labour offers a programme to satisfy this progressive desire for change which includes comprehensive social, economic and political planning on socialist lines. Labour emphasises that

it is not "prepared again to watch the grim spectacle of distressed areas and decaying men when a policy of socialist development political liberty, and nationalism

can transform the one into sources of national wealth and the other into active and valuable citizens." Undoubtedly the pace at which Labour would introduce this complete industrial, social, and financial reconstruction "in our time" might have serious repercussions upon the stability of finance and industry alike, and therefore affect the national welfare, since such stability is the one foundation of welfare.

And it would be mere naivete to imagine that such far-reaching change will come about as quickly and smoothly as many present-day idealists seem to imagine, for the past working of Democratic institutions has largely depended upon a general agreement on fundamentals, but when as to-day the Nation is deeply divided on matters of vital social importance solutions by parliamentary compromises are difficult to effect.

Labour In Peace Vanguard

Yet it is a remarkable tribute to the evolutionary outlook of British Labour that it looks to constitutional changes rather than revolution for its own preservation and the Nation's progress, with the result that the struggle of privilege against a juster distribution of the national wealth has Parliament rather than the streets for a battleground.

Labour's confidence in the future is all the stronger because it believes just as democracy, political liberty, and nationalism

were linked in the last century in the thought of most progressive thinkers, so at present are democracy, economic equality, and international understanding linked. And Labour is in the vanguard with a demand that a "people's war" must be converted into a "people's peace."

That peace will take on more meaning by virtue of the fact that totalitarianism has been clearly understood by Labour throughout a period which greatly antedates the present conflict.

The means and methods by which the Fascists and the Nazis seized power, particularly in sections of the community they attacked, led Labour early to reject these systems and line up on the side of humanitarianism and democracy in condemnation of doctrines founded on the persecution of all who cherish freedom, who demand the right to organise, who claim to express their views openly by tongue and pen and the printing press."

Organised Labour condemned the "evil things" of the totalitarian systems even when the former British Government allowed them to go unperceived, despite the fact that these systems were feverishly preparing for an anti-democratic war.

Saw Power Of Dictators

It isn't an accident that the main opponents and chief victims of totalitarianism have been working-class victims—in Italy, Germany, and Spain—while it was the workers who heroically defended Warsaw after the Polish armies had broken and their leaders fled.

Labour's first great "victory" of the war was the fall of the Chamberlain Government which Labour was never convinced understood the nature or strength of the totalitarian powers.

Labour, political and industrial, determined to smash the totalitarian domination of Europe, and the close cooperation between the Government and the different branches of the trades-union movement go far to guarantee the smooth working of the colossal war production in all its complicated phases.

The contrast between the position of British Labour and that in countries under the totalitarian heel are clearly shown in this situation. German Labour is allowed no expression in the political affairs of that country. It has become a mere cog in the wheel of war production run by the Nazis.

The importance of German Labour and the people is shown in the example even before the outbreak of war when on July 2 and August 25, 1939, the British National Council of Labour made two appeals to the German people.

No Answer From Germans

The council emphasised that "all war with its tragic burden falls most heavily upon the common people of all lands." But the common people of Germany were not allowed to answer—it is doubtful whether they were allowed to receive the message.

Italian Labour long ago ceased to play any political role, the corporative system having closed its doors to free political expression. In countries overrun by the Germans the Nazis have attempted to apply their oppressive methods to Labour, but with doubtful success.

France presents an example of the difficulty of forcing Labour to accept totalitarian standards. The Vichy Government attempted to consolidate its position with Labour by making René Belin its Minister of Labour. He had been one of the most powerful secondary figures in the entire French Labour movement, but now stands repudiated by the workers who understand full well that he now must speak for a system with which Labour can have nothing in common.

This awareness of the fundamental meaning of totalitarianism and the quest for a new era of social and economic relations will shape the imprint Labour will make on things to come. Pursuit of its objectives by constitutional and orderly processes remains, at the same time, the method through which Labour is committed to make its contribution.

Some Thoughts On Writing

Is it unreasonable that one who makes no claim to any distinction in the realm of letters shall be permitted a declaration of his faith in regard to what is good and what is bad in modern writing, and try to make a point or two for the benefit of aspiring writers? If it is, pardon my temerity and let me be deliberately unreasonable for once. If lovers of good literature were canvassed, there is little doubt that the consensus would be that lack of rhythm and an undistinguished vocabulary are only too often observable in the output of the younger school of writers. Therefore, my declaration of faith would commence with a protest against their

sure that it will—that the salons of Paris again will scintillate with the shimmer of gorgeous gowns, the exquisite sheen of fine fabrics, and the sparkle of jewels. But meantime there must be a new centre of fashion, even if temporary.

Will it be another Paris? Can that deft touch of the French designer, that taste, that passionate devotion to beauty that has animated the Parisian artiste, suddenly become the inheritance of another? To the Parisian couturiere nothing was impractical if beautiful.

Perhaps a new day has come upon the world of fashion—possibly a new era. Some other capital of wealth, beautiful women and talented designers may become temporarily, even permanently, the new centre of fashion, but no city will become overnight another Paris. Another may fall heir to a crown of fashion, but it will not be the crown of Paris.

utter disregard of the music of language and of most of the standards which consideration of style would naturally impose.

The driver of the modern automobile may glory in his ignorance of the machine that propels him, but this ignorance will not absolve him from obedience to the rules of traffic or observance of the chivalry of the road. Those

writers who are so busy setting the world to rights may have what they consider to be an adequate knowledge of the language required for the purpose, but they ought not to be so completely indifferent to the standards established by the great literature of the past. It almost goes without saying that thoughts or ideas that are good and true will clothe themselves naturally in language which conveys something of their charm and goodness, but it needs a well-tuned ear to be able to take full advantage of this fact. A good writer will be a good listener.

Logan Pearsall Smith, writing of the pleasure he receives from certain true lovers of language, refers to their occasional use of some ancient primitive word which appears on their pages "with its face washed and its eyes shining," thus vividly conveying how the writer has explored the dynamic value of a word, whether old or new, so as to give the fullest significance to its meaning.

Conversely, one might refer to a word that is being debased by its use as devoid of vitality and having a lack-lustre eye. There are no statistics to indicate whether the great increase in the use of the spoken word has affected the output of the written word, but it might do so to advantage.

Selection according to literary merit, instead of mere up-to-the-minute slickness, might then come into its own again. A writer would at least have to know himself equipped in three essentials: First, something to say; second, the desire that it shall be said rightly; third, the needed vocabulary.

These three essentials being present, the result ought to be the kind of good writing which makes easy reading.

Ramsay MacDonald used to say that one never knows how little he knows until he takes

pen in his hand. It follows then that in complying with the requirement "something to say" one will realise this truism, and either refrain from writing or else repair the deficiency.

Then, too, if a thing needs saying at all, there is also the need that it be rightly said.

Matthew Arnold, in his celebrated essay on Wordsworth, singles out for special attention a line which has very little more to say than the sentence quoted above. It is taken from the poem "Michael": "And never lifted up a single stone." Of this line he says, "There is nothing subtle in it, no heightening, no study of poetic style, strictly speaking, at all; yet it is expression of the highest and most truly expressive kind."

This suggests that the highest form of expression is that which concedes to words their full dynamic value, not resorting to any repetition as though the words were unable to sustain the load imposed upon them without such bolstering.

And this brings us finally to the question of the vocabulary with which we clothe our thoughts. There are many more words in the average man's vocabulary than he ever dares to use. That is to say, he knows the words, but he is not sure of their meaning and would be afraid to use them. He who would be a writer will be wise not only to enlarge his vocabulary, but to understand what each word means, else he can never use it as it should be used, and his meaning will become involved and lacking in clarity of expression. Can there be a better way to enlarge one's vocabulary than by reading the best authors and watching the skill with which they make use of words to produce their effects?

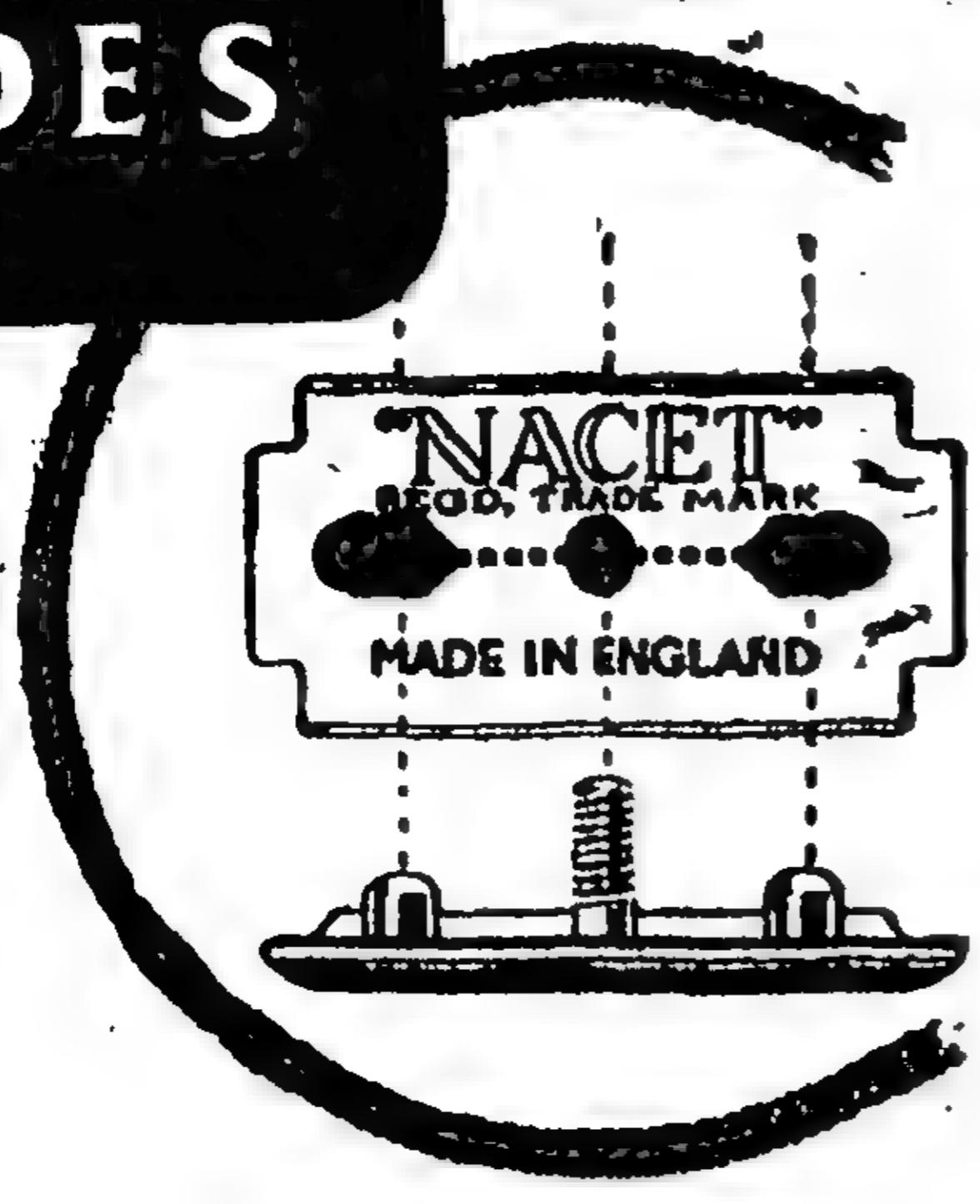
How else can one begin to understand the art that underlies all good writing—the patient and careful selection of the tools used in the process. Next, one will begin to aim at perfecting his own ability to write his thoughts in simple language that charms and encourages the reader because of its obvious sincerity.

Then, if one patiently persists in the face of all discouragement, his writing will go up, the scales

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WALLY IS THE TOWN'S HERO

By A Special Correspondent

"MAD WALLY, the Warden," they call him in affection down in Silvertown — because he seems not to know what fear is as he patrols the streets through the bombs and drops in any hour of the day or night at the public shelters with a smile and a cheery word.

His name is Wally Oldfield, thirty-eight-year-old A.R.P. warden down in that hard-hit area of East London. He has evacuated his wife and children, but has stayed behind to help a few townspeople who refuse to leave their bombed homes.

This letter of tribute came into the "Daily Mirror" office from one of the oldest inhabitants of Silvertown:

"Wally Oldfield, the people of Silvertown are proud of you. You have stuck to your post well, and done valuable service. Keep it up, and when this wretched war is over we hope to recognise your services. Good luck. We love you."

'Mad Wally'

"I have many times read of London's unknown heroes. Well, if ever there was one we have him in this little island of ours. He is known affectionately as 'Mad Wally, the warden' — a name that suits him well."

"Night after night he is always about. Nobody knows how

or when he sleeps. Gunfire, bombs, incendiaries, they seem to be all the same to him. We have seen him pick up incendiaries and put them in buckets. He helps old ladies, carries babies, directs traffic, and as soon as a bomb drops he is there ready to help and report.

Refused Presents

"In the few public shelters we have here he is always to be found all times of the day and night with a comforting word and smile. Many times we have offered him small presents, which he stubbornly refuses."

I went down to Wally's post. Wally is modest. "I'm doing no more than the other wardens in this town," he says.

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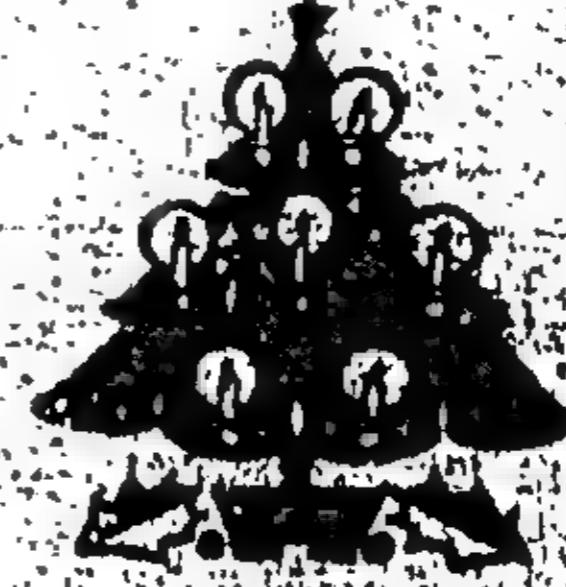
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LIT FIRES TO GUIDE RAIDERS

"I sympathise with Hitler, and I started fires during air raids to guide his bombers." A boy of sixteen made this confession, it was alleged at a London Juvenile Court.

He was sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court on charges under the Defence of the Realm Act of assisting the enemy.

Mr. N. A. K. Morgan, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, described the lad as a traitor to his country who deliberately and coldly set fire to houses damaged in air-raids so that lurking German night bombers could be guided to the locality.

"The district formed vigilance committees to try to elucidate the mystery of frequent fires," he added, "and fine work was done by Detective-Sergeant Sparks and Detective Radford in tracking a dangerous person."

The officers, who night after night were on patrol to catch the firebug, arrested the youth when he was cycling near a house which had just been fired.

Photo Of Hitler

At his home they found a copy of "Mein Kampf," a photograph of Hitler, and a peaked cap similar to that worn by Hitler. The accused said he went to houses damaged by bombs, set fire to the curtains, and then watched wardens and firemen fight the fires.

At one house he "started a big fire."

Hearing occupants of another house he had fired talking in their garden shelter, and afraid he might be heard, he waited until A.A. guns fired.

"I had often shone a torch into the sky to guide the German planes, but that was too risky for me, so I set fire to the houses to cause a glow which the raiders would see," his statement added.

In committing the lad for trial, the magistrate said it was pitiful that a British youth should be charged with such offences.

VARNISH BLAZE KILLS 3 CHILDREN

Three children have died in Stretford Memorial Hospital, Lancs, through burns they received when a tin of varnish in the hearth at their home caught fire.

A fourth child is dangerous ill.

The dead children are, Eric Waterworth (11), Moha (9), and Stanley (8), of Henrietta Street, Old Trafford.

With their elder brother, John (14), they were playing in the kitchen when the tin burst into flames. The fire was put out with a stirrup pump.

John was stated to be seriously ill.

But his fellow wardens, men and women, including Mr. Frederick Rook, his post-warden, endorse the letter of praise.

A.R.P. Spirit

"Wally is representative of the wonderful spirit among the A.R.P. services in this town," said Mr. Rook.

The three women wardens, elderly Mrs. Emma Dow, Mrs. G. Vale and Mrs. Stevenson, were picking their way over debris to salvage a few belongings from unoccupied houses which had been hit the night before.

"We're looking after our neighbours' homes," Mrs. Dow said. "They would do the same for us."

His Pet Monkey

When I left the mascot of the post, Wally's pet monkey, Ginny, was sharing a saucer of milk with a starved-looking thing which Wally had found wandering in the wreckage of what had been a home.

The people are proud of their wardens, but not so proud as the wardens are of the brave hearted still staying behind, facing the future with a courage that cannot be crushed.

TWO R.A.F. MEN CRASH 'PLANES TO WIN

THERE IS MATCHLESS R.A.F. HEROISM OF WHICH THE BRITISH PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET BEEN TOLD. IN THE AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN YOUNG MEN, THEIR AMMUNITION GONE, HAVE FLUNG AWAY THEIR LIVES TO SMASH THE ENEMY.

Now the deeds of two of these unnamed heroes have been chronicled. The first story came in a letter from John Tapping, of Victoria Road, Deal, Kent. Here is the letter:

"In this grim and glorious hour when ordinary men only ask to live to fight under the inspiration of our superlative defenders of the air we breathe, one wonders why the epic victory and matchless self-sacrifice witnessed here has not yet been chronicled.

"The feat of a Royal Air Force pilot-officer whose body now lies in a countryside east house should take its place in history with that of Bay Cornwall."

"In possibly the fiercest air battle our Spitfire hero, after what appeared to be a death struggle was forced down.

"Within an ace of crashing, the plane straightened out, and to the amazement of hundreds of watchers climbed back, almost vertically into the arena again.

"Glorious Doom"

"The Spitfire was swiftly engaged in the second and, alas, final round. After a terrific machine-gun versus cannon battle the Spitfire, now entirely spent of ammunition, charged straight at the now climbing Messerschmidt.

"Our pilot smashed right through the Hun's wing, which fell as though it were a piece of cucumber. As the enemy turned over the invader was able to bale out.

"Our fighter after his 400-mile-an-hour charge through the Messerschmidt earthwards, crashed—straight to his glorious doom.

"Glorious—because there never was any finer victory or greater sacrifice.

"The relatives of our gallant hero should receive the decoration which such valour and self-sacrifice so richly deserves."

Fell Interlocked

The second hero was a twenty-six-year-old sergeant-pilot. He was practising night flying in an Anson training machine when a Heinkel bomber dived out of the moonlit sky and fired bursts at him.

The Anson machine was completely unarmed.

People on the ground saw the sergeant-pilot crash his machine into the Heinkel.

The planes fell to the ground interlocked. In the wreckage of the Heinkel were five dead Germans. In the wreckage of the Anson was the body of the sergeant pilot.

He had just gained his wings. The flight which was his last was to have completed his final course of training.

ULSTER TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

THE SPEAKER OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PARLIAMENT, MR. H. G. H. MULHOLLAND, HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR.

"At the unanimous request of the members of the House of Commons, Northern Ireland," it ran, "I beg to send you this expression of the intense admiration we all feel for the wonderful and magnificent initiative and gallantry of the R.A.F."

Sir Archibald Sinclair replied: "The tribute of the House of Commons, Northern Ireland, to the gallantry and initiative of the R.A.F. is an encouragement to us all in these stirring and strenuous days. It will be gratefully received by all ranks of the R.A.F., to whom I am sending it at once."

GERMAN SECRETS OUT

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Generally speaking, the materials used in German aircraft are good, but the performance is not so good as ours.

German planes which have been brought down carried some instruments not in use on British machines. The fuel of the Germans, both petrol and oil, had been up to standard, but in some machines they had found gadgets which enabled substitute fuels to be used.

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Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1940.



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♦ 7	
♦ Q 10 9 7 5 4	
♦ J 8 6 2	N ♦ K 9 4
♦ 8 7 6	W ♦ Q 9 5 4
♦ A J 10	E 2
♦ K 6 2	S ♦ Q 6 5 2
	♦ J
♦ 7 6 3	
♦ A 10	
♦ K 9 8 4 3	
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The bidding:

North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1○
2♦	Pass	2NT
3NT	Pass	Pass

West opened the eight of hearts, and since East saw no reason to waste his Queen, South won the trick with the ten of hearts. The club Ace dropped East's Jack, and the club eight was allowed to hold the next trick. At this point, of course, South should have cashed the heart Ace to unblock the suit. Instead, he led his last club, West winning with the club King.



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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Tomatoes--Lush and Red are now at their sun ripened best

declares Dorothy Greig

Near where I live is a famous soup kitchen. One morning at this time of year the air is filled with a sudden all-pervading fragrance. The tomato season has begun!

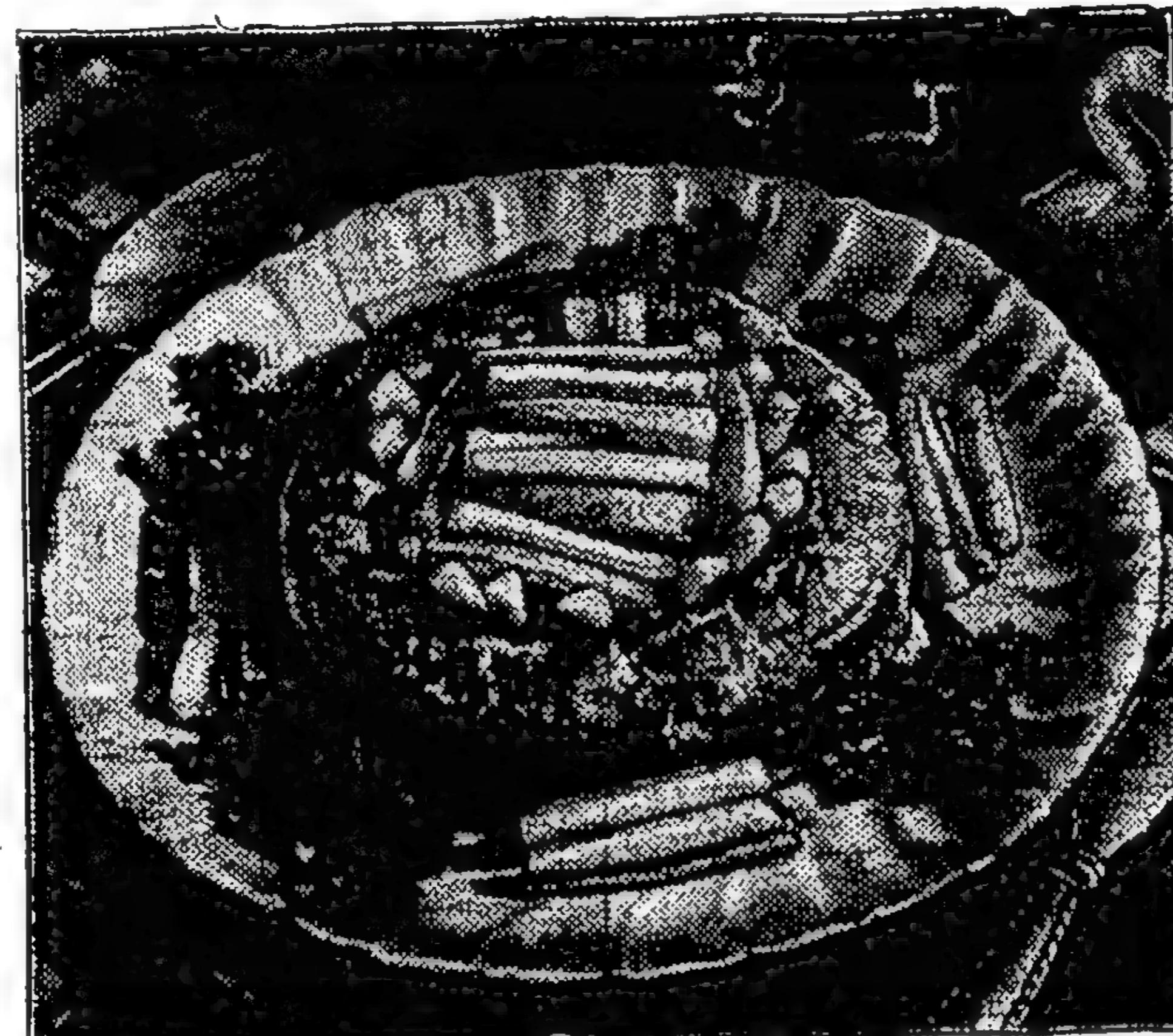
For weeks then, converging down every road, come thousands of trucks laden with shining red tomatoes bound for those soup kettles. They hurry, do the trucks, urged by the desire to capture within a few scant hours the fresh perfection of the tomatoes. For these tomatoes were picked only after Mother Nature had in her fullness ripened them ready through to their very hearts and blessed them with rich vitalising juice.

Right now, too, ripe tomatoes abound in Hong Kong markets. At no season are they finer in flavour. Serve them often, while you may, in salads, as a relish. Tomatoes are a truly abundant source of Vitamin C. A big glassful of tomato juice at breakfast, for instance, gives us our supply of this vitamin for the day.

Another way to enjoy the flavour and goodness of tomatoes is in cooked dishes. Here canned tomatoes, condensed tomato soup and tomato juice are particularly suited to our purpose. This ham ring contains tomato soup, is easy to make and is a beautiful blending of meat with tomato flavour.

Baked Ham Ring

1½ pounds raw ham; ground
½ pound fresh pork; ground
1½ cups soft bread crumbs;
1 can condensed tomato soup
2 eggs
2 tablespoons chopped onion
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Combine all ingredients and mix



A Baked Ham Ring with a glorious tomato flavour is filled and garnished with carrots.

well. Pack into a buttered ring mould and bake in a moderate oven (350 deg.) for 45 minutes. Fill the centre of the ring and garnish the platter with cooked carrots. Serves 8.

And here's an idea for a hot slaw that is quite unusual:

Hot Tomato Cabbage Slaw

1½ cups tomato juice
1 quart shredded raw cabbage

½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
2½ teaspoons sugar
1 pinch pepper

Cook the shredded cabbage, uncovered, in the boiling tomato juice. Add salt and turn cabbage occasionally so that it all cooks in the juice. Cook 15-20 minutes. Add salt, butter, sugar and pepper and heat thoroughly to blend the flavours. Serves 4.

Are You A Potential Beauty?

Few of the screen stars ever expected to be considered glamour girls and certainly none of their friends thought it would happen. That, my dears, is my text for today's beauty lesson! Perhaps you too are a potential beauty with glamour waiting to bloom once you resolve, "I am going to make myself beautiful."

Most compelling beauty is acquired. A girl may be born with a pretty face, naturally curly hair and a healthy constitution but she may grow into the dowdiest woman of her group, unless she determines to keep herself attractive. And on the other hand, many an ugly, young duckling, has matured into a glamour girl by simply going after beauty in earnestness.

During the winter, particularly, I think most women want to be attractive. Old romances are refreshed and new romances begun for the young. Social life becomes more important to the older woman during the next five months and feminine competition is keener. Every woman ardently desires to meet both challenges successfully, and she knows in her heart that keeping beautiful is an ace-up her sleeve!

The Cinderella Game

We all love a Cinderella story—a tale of the transformation of a dud into a creature of rare loveliness. Not enough women realize that they can actually experience being a Cinderella transformed, but it is not accomplished by the touch of a magic wand. To polish up one's beauty and to create

a little extra one needs to persevere in detailed grooming and freshen up mentally.

The Making Over

Many experts begin the refashioning of a drab woman, with an exercise routine. I would begin differently. I would take her to an expert hairdresser to have a new coiffure suggested, and advise daily and weekly treatments for her scalp. Then I would trot her for a facial and manicure, and possibly a complete body massage.

By that time our subject would see the possibilities in herself and during a shopping tour for a new outfit she couldn't help but wish that her posture was more impressive and her figure more beautifully proportioned. That should resolve her to get busy the next day and postpone more wardrobe purchases until she had whipped her body into good condition.

The Final Step

Loveliness without more or less inspires loveliness within. One cannot look at one's reflection of a very attractive woman without feeling a bit proud. The realisation comes to one that if so little effort created so much beauty, one should keep on persevering. There is one's voice to improve, one's mind to school, new fields to conquer. And the fresh grip on life which a refashioning gives a woman affords energy to carry on in a new, inspired way. In the end our modern Cinderella can gather Prince or his equivalent!

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Beethoven.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Negro Spirituals sung by Paul Robeson (Bass).

1.13 p.m.—Orchestra Raymond.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Rossini.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of The Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Elsie Joyce (Piano).

7.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk off Convrey by Mrs. C. A. S. Russ.

7.55 p.m.—Interlude.

"Tales from the Orient"—Waltz (Strauss), Art Egg.

Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—This week's programme.

8.07 p.m.—Archibald Joyce (Walls Music).

8.15 p.m.—Venues Walls Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Gang."

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Humorous and Vocal Variety, with Gracie Fields, William McCollum, Frank Cunliffe, Freddy Dosh, and Alan Stanley.

10.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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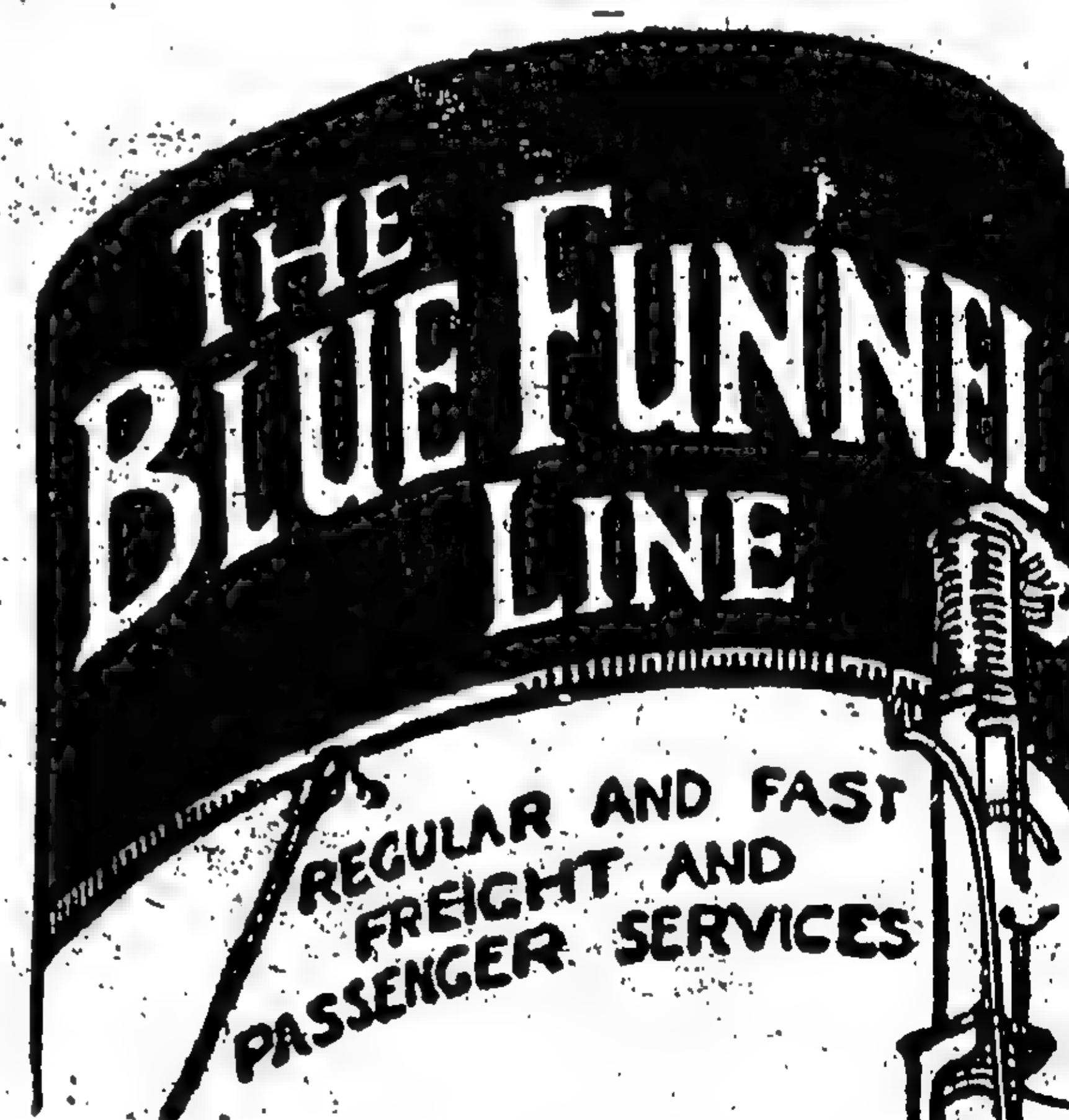
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The Rest Eleven Completed From Spectators In Stands

Players Fail To Turn Up Chinese Win With Greatest Ease

By "Referee"

THE CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME between teams representing the Rest of the Colony "A" and Combined Chinese "A", which the latter won by 5 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday, was very disappointing in that a large number of the chosen players for the Rest team did not turn out and even then there were not sufficient reserves to call upon with the result that players had to be recruited from the stand and in one case a player who had just finished a game was asked to participate in the Senior game.

In spite of the makeshift team fielded the Rest they did well in the first half when they gave a fairly good display when consideration is taken of the fact that several players were in unaccustomed positions.

Hossack was seen on the left wing in the first half, while Leonard and played in the pivotal position. Owens, who had just finished a game, was seen on the right wing. Little useful can be said about the Chinese team. They were the better side and often had the Rest defence in trouble with their swinging passes. Lee Wai-tong did not unduly exert himself and was content to keep his forwards well supplied with passes.

Fung Best Forward

Fung King-cheong was their best forward and scored four of the five goals:

Robinson, in the Rest goal, gave a good display. He was kept continually on the move with shots from all directions and rarely had any rest. The five goals which beat him were unstoppable.

Owens, on the right wing, did a lot of useful work and it is gratifying to note that he has been chosen for the B.W.O.F. charity game on New Year's day. Both in this game and the one previous he has shown that in good company he is a useful right-winger.

Edmunds, at full-back, gave a good display and though he was up against the fast Chinese forwards covered well and on the whole justified his selection.

Leonard at centre-half, marked Lee Wai-tong well but this left Fung and Lai freer and most of the danger to the "Rest" goal came from these two. Freshwater at his side worked hard and never for one moment slacked.

Howlett and Hossack were the best of the Rest forward-line while Le Page was seen in some nice movements.

Fung King-cheong opened the scoring for the Chinese with a good cross shot and shortly after increased the lead with an identical shot.

In the second half Lai Shiu-wing scored and before time Fung King-cheong added another two "on's". Howlett scored the only goal for the Rest.

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PROMISING DEBUT OF Y.M.C.A.

At the Valley, Y.M.C.A. beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 102 runs in a friendly cricket match yesterday.

Y.M.C.A.

C. Logan, c Colledge, b Hollidge	26
W. H. Ingleby, b Attwell	8
W. S. Gegg, b Mitchell	3
F. E. Lawrence, b Attwell	32
E. Curtis, b Hollidge	0
F. Willis, c Parrott, b Attwell	35
H. Eager, run out	13
C. Eardley, c Stone, b Attwell	9
H. Brookes, not out	4
C. E. Scott, b Attwell	8
Extras (LB1)	1
Total (for 9 wkt. dec.)	139
H. D. Bruce did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis

	O. M. R. W.
Stone	2 0 14 0
Attwell	7.1 0 43 5
Hollidge	2.0 20 2
Mitchell	6.2 31 1
McGowan	2 0 21 0
Haynes	1 0 9 0

C.S.C.C.

K. J. Attwell, b Gegg	1
A. Watson, c Scott, b Curtis	4
D. Hollidge, b Gegg	0
J. Mitchell, c Ingleby, b Gegg	2
J. F. McGowan, c Lawrence, b Curtis	1
D. Colledge, b Curtis	1
H. Parrott, b Gegg	5
Paul, b Gegg	5
Hemsley, st. Curtis, b Gegg	0
Haynes, run out	13
G. P. Stone, not out	0
Extras (B5)	5
Total	37

Bowling Analysis

	O. M. R. W.
Curtis	4.4 0 20 3
Gegg	4 1 12 6

TIME FOR CHANGES IN CLUB XV

By "SCRUM-HALF"

Club lost all hope of winning the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament ever held in Hong Kong when they were well beaten by Navy on Saturday, and everything now points to a Naval triumph, although Army can still win the title by beating Navy, Club and Police in their remaining games.

Navy have what it takes to win championships—determination. With the exception of Paul, Taylor, King and Manfield, they have a very average team, and yet their combination has overcome star-studded sides such as Army, who at one time appeared likely to carry all before them; and Club, a triumph for Navy, who have been without their captain, Carter, would be an exceedingly popular one, though I am inclined to believe Army can do the trick.

Club have reached the stalemate stage, and their lack of improvement over the past three weeks suggests that team changes may be necessary. Walkden is about ready for a place in the pack—he would have been invaluable on Saturday—and Thomas, the workhorse, is definitely

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Jackie Anderson scoring the first home run for Wahoos in Sunday's Softball surprise when Wahoos beat Wildcats by 17-16. On right is Wildcat Cynthia da Motta.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Football

SIX matches were drawn in Saturday's soccer programme and Eastern, as the result of a 4-2 win over Middlesex, are now leading the First Division League table. Engineers had no difficulty in retaining their unbeaten record when they easily beat Police.

The Chinese displayed better combination than the Rest, especially in their forward line in which Hyui Man-fai, the leader, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-cheong formed a very strong attacking unit on the left flank.

The Chinese defence was best served by Tse Kam-hung, left-back, who cleared strongly through. In consequence, the goalkeeper, Ho Po-pui, was practically starved.

A Club "A" team, which included several players from Police, beat Navy "A" by 17 points to 9.

Good Pivot

Lam Tak-po distinguished himself in the pivotal position, being impressive with his spotting and distribution, while Kwok Ying-kei held his own very well at right-half.

For the Rest, Fraser was the better of the two backs and Reynolds, the custodian, tried very hard, although he was beaten five times.

Maxwell, the Rest pivot, was apparently handicapped by lack of weight and he had a gruelling time checking the Chinese leader. Owens and Fox were the pick of the forwards.

On the whole, the Chinese played cleverer and more tricky football and well deserved their victory.

Cheuk Shek-kam opened the scoring for the Chinese and Fox equalised. O'Regan took the lead for the Rest, while Hyui Man-fai netted two quick goals to put the Chinese in the lead in the first half.

On the resumption, Hyui scored a further goal to register his "hat-trick", and Wong King-cheong netted the last goal for the Chinese.

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CHINESE "B":—Hau Tung-sun (Shing Tau), and Tsui Kam-hung (South China); Kwok Ying-kei (Shing Tau), Lam Tak-po (South China) and Lo Wah-lun (Eastern); Tang Kwan-sum (Shing Tau); Choi Man-chi (South China); Capt. Hyui Man-fai (Eastern); Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah) and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).

WAGGONS:—Reynolds (Ordinary); Roughley (Navy); Capt. and Fraser (Royal Scots); Bent (Navy); Maxwell (Police); and Puna (Police). O'Regan (Army); Carter (Army); Thomas (Army); and Walker (Engineers).

WAGGONS:—Shall, 2 (Hong Kong Bank); Lucas, 17 (Cables); and Friend (Friend).

WAGGONS:—U.S. Tuna, 7; St. Joseph's, 14; Fox (Engineers); O'Regan (Navy); and Pickford (Club).

Pairs Championship in fine style from McDouall and Pollock, a pair who had been highly-fancied.

Cricket

SCORING was on the high side in Saturday's cricket programme and two scores of over 80 were registered. In consequence bowlers were not as successful as they have been recently and N. Singh's 5 for 17 was the best performance of the day.

Leading feats were:

	BATTING	89
F. J. Lay	188	88
J. M. Gosano	59	33
Capt. Lawrence	55	27
P. M. N. da Silva	53	27
H. E. Hayward	46	27
D. J. N. Anderson	43	27
A. H. Madar	42	27
Abbas	41	27
K. J. Attwell	41	27
L. R. Burch	40	27

	BOWLING	89
N. Singh	5	17
Hawkins	5	21
A. H. Madar	4	21
A. M. Omar	4	27
Holder	4	27
H. L. Ozorio	4	27
A. J. Hulse	4	41
F. R. Zimmern	4	41
J. F. McGowan	4	32

Rowing

THE Volunteer Rowing regatta on Saturday provided some good sport but probably because of the inaccessibility of the venue only a handful of spectators, including a good sprinkling of the fair sex, was present.

Scottish Company were worthy winners of the Inter-Unit Fours, with First Battery "A" a crew of novices, runners-up.

Carter and Colls won the Open

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS	15
Wildcats	11
Cardinals	8
Wahoos	16
Ch	

Garrison Billiards And Snooker

Following are the results of Garrison Billiards League matches during the period December 9 to 18:

R.A.C. 7 pts. R.A.O.C. Nil

Sgt. Harden 150 S/S. Emberson

(23) 123

Q.M.S. Wood L. Ebbage

(20) 104

Pte. Haigh 150 S/C. Wardie

(20) 154

Pte. Middleton 150 L/C. Paul

91

Sgt. Murphy 150 Sgt. Pitt

133

Sgt. Hamlin 150 S/C. Gardner

17

5th A.A. Regt. R.A.

Nil 2 Royal Scots

7

Gnr. Milne Cpl. Octon

(21) 150

Sgt. Lewis (27) 134 Pte. Gordon

150

Q.M.S. Beaumont 141 (23) 150

BSM. Humphries 112 (25) 150

Bdr. Kennedy 113 Sgt. Whippley

(25) 150

Sgt. Bevin 46 Sgt. Clark (21) 150

12th H. Regt. R.A. 4 pts. R.E. 3 pts.

Gnr. Cummings 150 Sgt. Crittenden

Gnr. Frost 150 Sgt. Green

L/B. Brown 135 Sgt. Simmons

I/B. Hannan 130 Sgt. Ratcliffe

Gnr. Burrows 150 L/C. Thompson

Gnr. Sharp 126 Spr. Monaghan

(20) 150

R.A.M.C. 5 pts. C.M. Police 2 pts.

Lt. Dixon 150 Capt. Hyde

Pte. Howe 150 Sgt. Whitton

Sgt. Wyre (20) 122 L/C. Willis (27) 150

Cpl. Harvey 128 L/C. Thompson

150

S/S. Terran (21) 150 L/C. Teggart 106

Pte. Whybro (23) 150 (23) 105

R.A.O.C. 1 pt. R.A.S.C. 6 pts.

S/C. Wardie 123 Sgt. Hamlin

L/C. Ebbage 150 S.M. Ashman

S/C. Gardner 117 Pte. Middleton

(30) 150 Sgt. Murphy

Sgt. Pitt 113 Q.M.S. Wood

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Cpl. Pitt (22) 83 Pte. Haigh (31) 130

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Royal Signals	9	3	6	39
R.A.P.C.	10	3	7	24
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BRITISH 'PLANES LAND IN EIRE

Two British 'planes landed in Eire yesterday, according to an official statement issued in Dublin yesterday, and the crews were interned.—Reuter.

THE WILL TO FIGHT

There is a great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made in Khartum yesterday to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Hussars officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after a lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or in kind for Britain's war effort.—Reuter.

SYRIAN ATTITUDE

THE POPULATION OF SYRIA IS GROWING LESS READY TO ACCEPT GERMAN DEMANDS, REPORTS ANKARA RADIO.

Sympathy is growing in Syria, says Ankara radio, among the French and Arabs for Great Britain and General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

SIX TO ONE RATIO

British And Axis Losses In Dog Fights

Sharp Clashes Over Western Desert

GERMAN AIR RAIDS over Britain during the week ending December 21 were on an unusually light scale but six 'planes were shot down for the loss of one British fighter.

Detailed figures show that on December 15, 16 and 20 no enemy 'planes were bagged. On December 17, 18 and 19 one German machine was lost each night. On December 21, three German and one British 'plane were lost.

JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION

The first Japanese military mission of its kind since 1918 left Japan en route for Germany and Italy yesterday.

The Dornei agency says the mission is headed by Lt.-Gen. Yamashita, Director-General of Military Aviation, and is traveling via Siberia.

A similar mission during the last war visited the Western Front and brought back information leading to improvements in the equipment of the Japanese army.—Reuter.

Meanwhile the heavy British raids over Germany, including three concentrated attacks on Mannheim and the daring thirtysixth raid on Berlin, were continued every night.

Three British 'planes were lost during the night of Dec. 16/17 and four during the night of Dec. 16/17 but there were no losses on other nights, including the Berlin raid.

Confirmed figures for the Western Desert air battles in this period are, at present, unavailable, but during the week ending Dec. 18, 68 Italian 'planes are definitely known to have been destroyed in combat for the loss of 10 British 'planes, bringing the total Italian 'planes confirmed as destroyed by the R.A.F. since Italy entered the war to 385, while a further 158 were destroyed on the ground.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Captain H. D. R. Margesson, Chief Government Whips, replaces Mr. Eden at the War Office, while a Barony is conferred on Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary.—Reuter.

INDIA'S DRIVE FOR WAR

Further gifts for 'planes and for air-raid distress were announced yesterday.

A sum of £1,800 has been received from Chinese members and friends of the Sino-British Cultural Association for air-raid relief, and a further sum of £1,162 has been received from Kenya for the purchase of three mobile canteens — one for London, one for Liverpool and the third for anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The East India Fund has sent a further gift of £20,000 for the purchase of "Spitfires," making its total contributions so far amount to £350,000. The same Fund has sent £1,000 to King George's Fund for Sailors.

Punjab University is putting its entire resources for war purposes at the disposal of the British Government, and is also asking for increased facilities for military training for members of the University.

The workshops of the India Railways are turning out large quantities of essential supplies and are arranging to train nearly 2,000 men under the Government of India scheme.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has sent Mr. Winston Churchill a cheque for £5,000, completing the gift of £60,000 for fighters aircraft sent by the Netherlands East Indies on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's recent birthday.—Reuter.

DEFENCE IN MALAYA

THE MAINLAND OF MALAYA — IN ADDITION TO SINGAPORE AND PENANG — IS BEING PUT IN A STATE OF DEFENCE SAID SIR MERTON THOMAS, GOVERNOR OF THE STRaits SETTLEMENTS, IN A SHOCKING STATEMENT.

Schemes for bringing the civilian defence services to a higher state of efficiency will be accelerated and extended.

The complete registration of all women available for war work will be carried out immediately.

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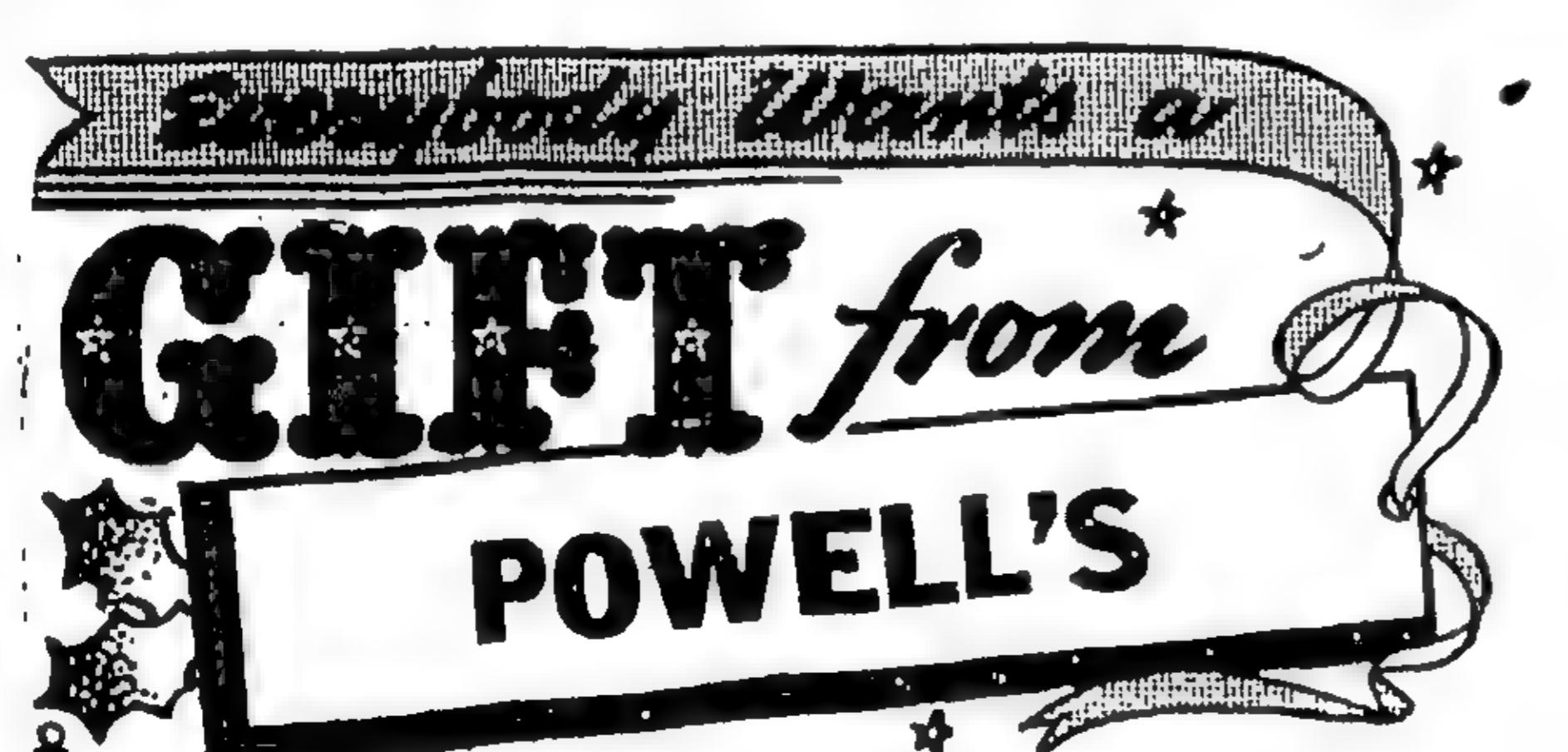
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NIGHT RAIDS OVER WIDE AREA

Enemy air activity over Britain during the daylight hours yesterday was very small but after darkness were reported from several districts, including northern towns, Liverpool, east Midland towns and towns in west and south-west England and Wales.

Up to a late hour last night there were no reports of heavy bombings but in several places raiders met a strong anti-aircraft barrage.

The alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dusk and there were indications that a very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders. During the day one Junkers 88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England. — Reuter.

Repeated Counter Attacks: Intense Air Activity

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY THAT GREEK PLANES HAD DOWNED 18 ITALIAN MACHINES AND ROUTED MANY OTHERS ON SUNDAY DURING INTENSIFIED AIR FIGHTING OVER THE WHOLE ALBANIAN FRONT.

Greek siege artillery has opened a bombardment of Chimara, where the Italian right wing is making a desperate stand against Greek columns pushing on Valona, where many Italian reinforcements are disembarking.

The Greeks, hurling back fierce counter-attacks, resumed the advance along the entire front yesterday, placing Chimara under direct siege and tightening the circle of steel round Tepeleni and Klisura.

Especially heavy fighting occurred near Klisura, which is an important junction town.

The Italians are massing all available reinforcements at Klisura and are making repeated counter-attacks, but are gradually being forced back and decimated.

The Italians are apparently trying to hamper the Greek advance and gain time for the retreat of the main bulk of the army north and west to the Chimara-Elbasan line.

Taken By Storm

Despite furious Italian resistance Greek infantry, supported by field-guns, stormed and captured several mountain heights dominating Klisura.

The Columbia Broadcasting System in New York last night picked up a B.B.C. broadcast quoting an Athens radio announcement that Chimara has been captured. — International News Service.

Lord Halifax Forecasts Accurate

Conforming to forecasts, an official announcement issued in London last night confirmed the appointment of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, as British Ambassador in Washington in succession to the late Lord Lothian.

Lord Halifax is succeeded at the Foreign Office by Mr. Anthony Eden, at present Secretary for War, who thus returns to the post he held under Mr. Chamberlain which he resigned as a protest against the appeasement of Italy policy. — Reuter.

WANG MAN SHOT DEAD MORE NAZI TROOPS IN RUMANIA

Another murder believed to be due to political reasons occurred in Shanghai last evening.

The victim, Chen Kuan-yan, is reported to be one of the leading figures of the detective branch of the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Special Municipality police.

He was shot to death by two Chinese gunmen who entered the room in a hotel in the International Settlement where Chen was entertaining a lady friend and fired two shots, killing him instantly as they struck him in the head. — Reuter.

NEW DETACHMENTS OF GERMAN TROOPS OF "INSTRUCTION" HAVE ARRIVED AT TIMISOARA, IN RUMANIA, DURING THE WEEK, ACCORDING TO A BUCHAREST NEWS-PAPER REPORT TO THE ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The report adds that General Huber has been appointed supreme commander of German troops in the Timisoara district.

Timisoara has important railway communications with Yugoslavia and Hungary. — Reuter.

A Chinese servant of the hotel was also shot but not seriously. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL ORDERS

The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$284,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing submarine nets at the entrance of strategic harbours. It was announced in Washington yesterday. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW WAR MINISTER

Captain H. D. R. Margesson, Chief Government Whip, replaces Mr. Eden at the War Office, while Sir Barlow is transferred on Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary. — Reuter.

SOVIET PROTEST IN RUMANIA

A PROTEST AGAINST THE ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN RUMANIA AND AGAINST DESCRIBING ARRESTED PERSONS AS COMMUNISTS "WHEN THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT" IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN LODGED BY THE SOVIET MINISTER IN BUCHAREST, M. LAVENTIEFF.

The Minister was reported in Belgrade yesterday to have stated that Rumania's actions were "intended to camouflage subversive actions by the Rumanian Legion," and he demanded that they should cease. — Reuter.

GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUE!

Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world — so Herr Frank, Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree", he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory."

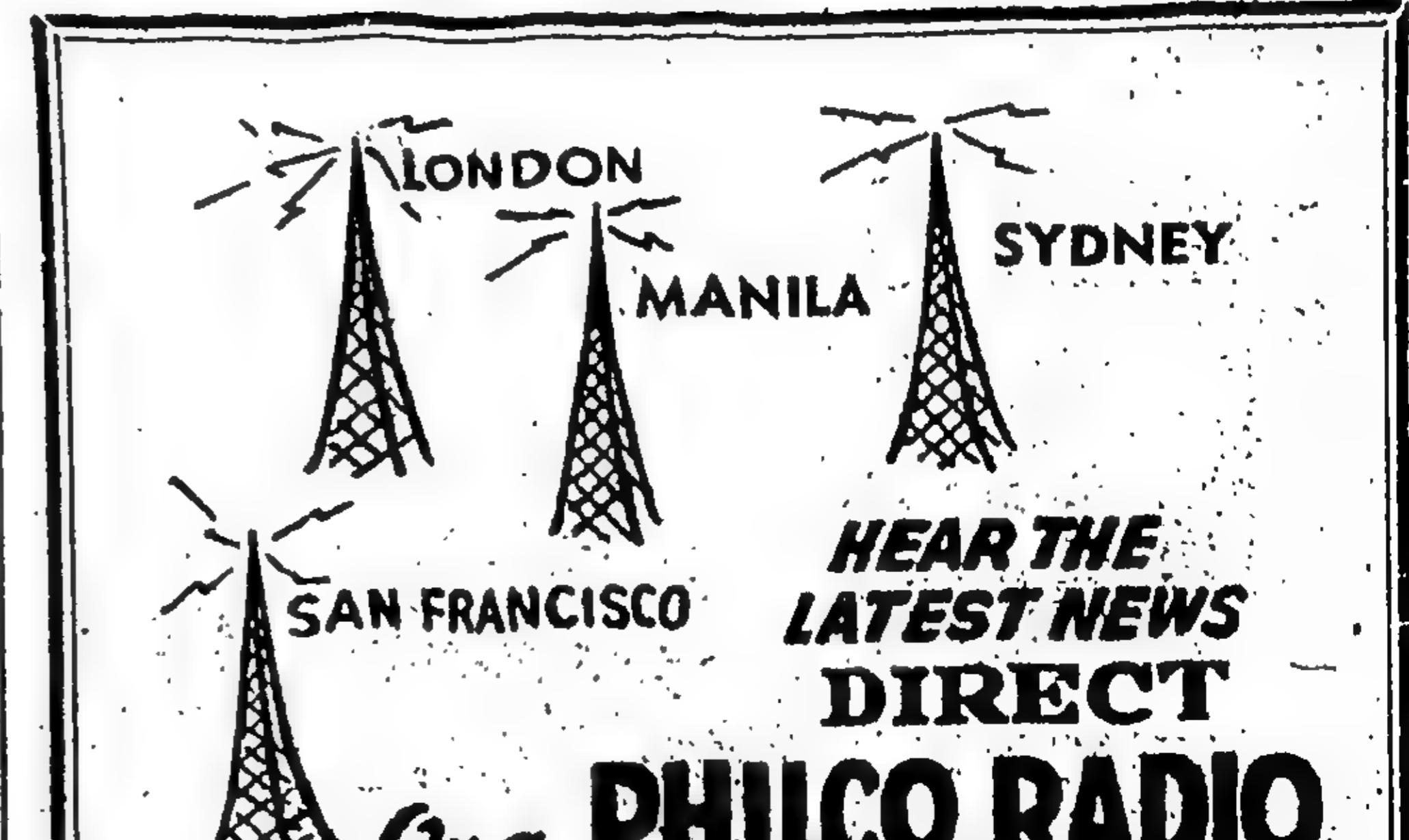
"The highest good, the greatest gift Almighty God has given to man is to be a German."

"We are proud to master the world as Germans. Never before have we been so exalted."

Referring to Hitler, he said: "He who sits in lonely sublimity, he is incomparably great in his uniqueness. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world, unhampered by anyone."

"The Almighty made this German nation so that it may carry the light into the wilderness." — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: East and north-east, moderate to fresh; fair at first, cloudy, some drizzle or light rain later.



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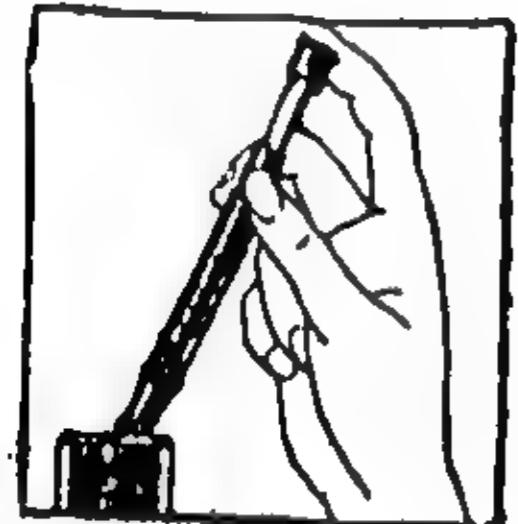
HITLER INVASION PROSPECTS

Objective Soviet Survey Of The War Situation



At a famous linen store in London the size of the windows has been reduced considerably and large wooden frames installed. The firm has now employed Lady artists to tastefully decorate the wooden surroundings and the effect is proving very pleasing. (Copyright, Fox).

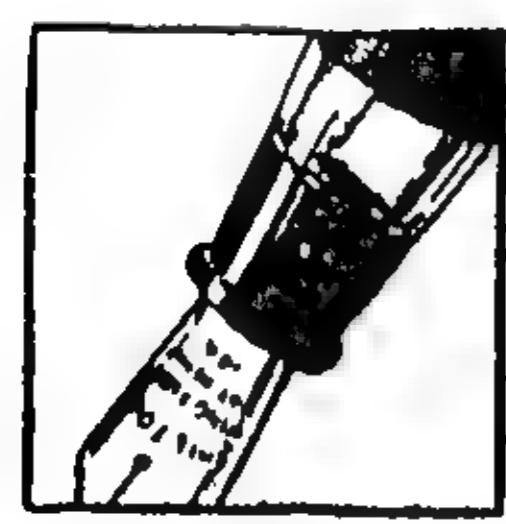
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Navy And Air Force Hold The Fort

"AS LONG AS THE British Navy retains the mastery and the British Air Force is undefeated, a landing operation in Britain will be extraordinary difficult," writes "Trud," organ of the Soviet trade unions, in Moscow yesterday.

The newspaper adds: "The British Air Force is restoring its losses from its own resources and with American aid.

"In spite of British losses, total British tonnage exceeds the indispensable minimum of eight to nine million tons.

"According to the foreign press England has 40 to 50 trained divisions, including at least five tank divisions.

"In order to make a successful invasion the Germans must land at least an equally strong force."

Commenting on the Italo-Greek war "Trud" says: "To oppose the Greek offensive the Italians have concentrated strong forces in Albania. The original Italian strength has been at least doubled.

Outcome Not Clear

"The appearance of the British Navy in the Adriatic, however, seriously menaces and hampers additional Italian reinforcements.

"The ultimate outcome is still not clear but if the Greeks succeed in entering Elbasan and Vaciona, it will doubtless spell a major Italian defeat."—Reuter.

IMPUDENT GERMAN THREATS

In a broadcast talk from Washington on the subject of the statement made by a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman on America's attitude, Linton Wells (the noted American commentator) said that officials in Washington state that Germany hopes to force the United States into war with Japan.

The object of this would be to divert America's attention to the East.

"Impudence" was the comment by the "New York Times" yesterday on the Berlin statement.

The German Government, says the paper, is poorly advised. If it does not realize that both the political parties and the overwhelming mass of the people are united behind the policy of helping Britain so that the defense of the Atlantic remains in friendly hands. — Reuter.

SUBMARINE SWORDFISH OVERDUE

The British submarine Swordfish (Lt. M. A. Langley) is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communiqué issued in London yesterday says Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is passing into the Pacific to the south-east of Japan; another is developing over North China.

The depression is moving north-eastward over Korea.

Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking.

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SLOWLY AND METHODICALLY, BRITISH MECHANISED FORCES ENGAGED IN THE OPERATIONS ROUND BESIEGED BARDIA ARE DESTROYING ODD POCKETS OF RESISTANCE IN THE RING OF DEFENCES, IN PREPARATION FOR THE COUP DE GRACE.

Bardia's defenders are being steadily battered by relays of aircraft, and are under constant bombardment from British artillery, backed up by the heavy guns of naval units standing out to sea.

In the meantime the troops round Bardia are being steadily reinforced although there is no indication that the final assault on the Italian stronghold is imminent.

Scores of additional prisoners are being taken as the armoured units isolate and destroy points in the Italian pillbox system in their constant forays against the line, seeking for the weaker points.

Simultaneously, other units are operating to the west of Bardia making sure that Graziani is unable to reinforce the garrison of Bardia, estimated at about 35,000 men, nor come to its relief.

Cairo Communiqué

British H.Q. in Cairo, announcing yesterday that Bardia is now completely invested, added (says Reuter):

A further seven guns from a frontier post we recently occupied have now been collected.

The situation on other fronts is "unchanged."

Some of the thousands of prisoners taken in the Western Desert have been sent to Palestine, where they are being put in a special camp in the Central Judean Plain. Some 2,000 arrived on Saturday.

INDIA MINTING NEW COINS

THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO INSTITUTE A LARGE-SCALE MINTING OF SILVER RUPEES FOR EARLY ISSUE, OWING TO INCREASED DEMAND DUE TO TRADE AND ABSORPTION BY HOARDING. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY.

The new coins will consist of one half silver and one half alloy, compared with the present coins which are eleven-twelfths silver and one-twelfth alloy.

They will have a special groove on the edge which is practically an absolute safeguard against counterfeiting. — Reuter.

SALUTARY FINES ON 30 RICE DEALERS

THIRTY SUMMONSES against rice dealers for selling rice at a price in excess of the maximum fixed by the Food Controller, were heard by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning.

Fines ranging from \$100 to \$200 were imposed.

Yip Shui-sang, master of the On Fat Lung rice shop, No. 49, Haung Wong Street, was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, who pleaded guilty on his behalf.

According to Mr. Silva, his client had no intention of exceeding the prescribed price, but a new employee sold it in spite of his master's instructions. A fine of \$100.

Fifteen other shopkeepers, represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, were fined \$100 each.

Mr. Remedios told the Court that all his clients were retail dealers. Their wholesale prices ranged from \$14 to \$17 per picul. Therefore, if they sold rice at the price fixed by the Authorities, they would suffer big loss. The other alternative was to close their shops.

No price was fixed for wholesale dealers until December 11, and the offences committed by his clients were on December 5 and 7.

According to Mr. F. W. Shafain, A.D.C.I. (C), it was for retailers to complain to the Controller of Food about wholesale prices.

Cheung Lam, of No. 204, Queen's Road East, (The Yee Cheung Hong Rice Shop) was fined \$200, and another shopkeeper was fined \$150.

The rest were fined \$100 each.

Two summonses were adjourned for a week, when they failed to appear in Court.

KOWLOON BURGLAR

Mrs. W. C. Kiane, of No. 164, Sai Yeung Choi Street, has reported that between midnight and 6 a.m. yesterday, her residence was entered and money and clothing to the value of \$130 was stolen.

WATCH STOLEN

A watch valued at \$110 was stolen from No. 165, Queen's Road Central, at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday. According to the proprietor, a Chinese entered the shop and took the watch from the counter while he was engaged with other customers.

Tam Chian, 24, was remanded for further enquiry by Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when charged with impersonating a Police Officer and with demanding \$200 with menace from Wan Sau, at No. 829, Lockhart Road yesterday.

SHANGHAI SLAYING

A Japanese consular policeman was found lying in a pool of blood near Wen Miao Road in Nantao, Shanghai, on the night of December 20, suffering from serious knife wounds, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury."

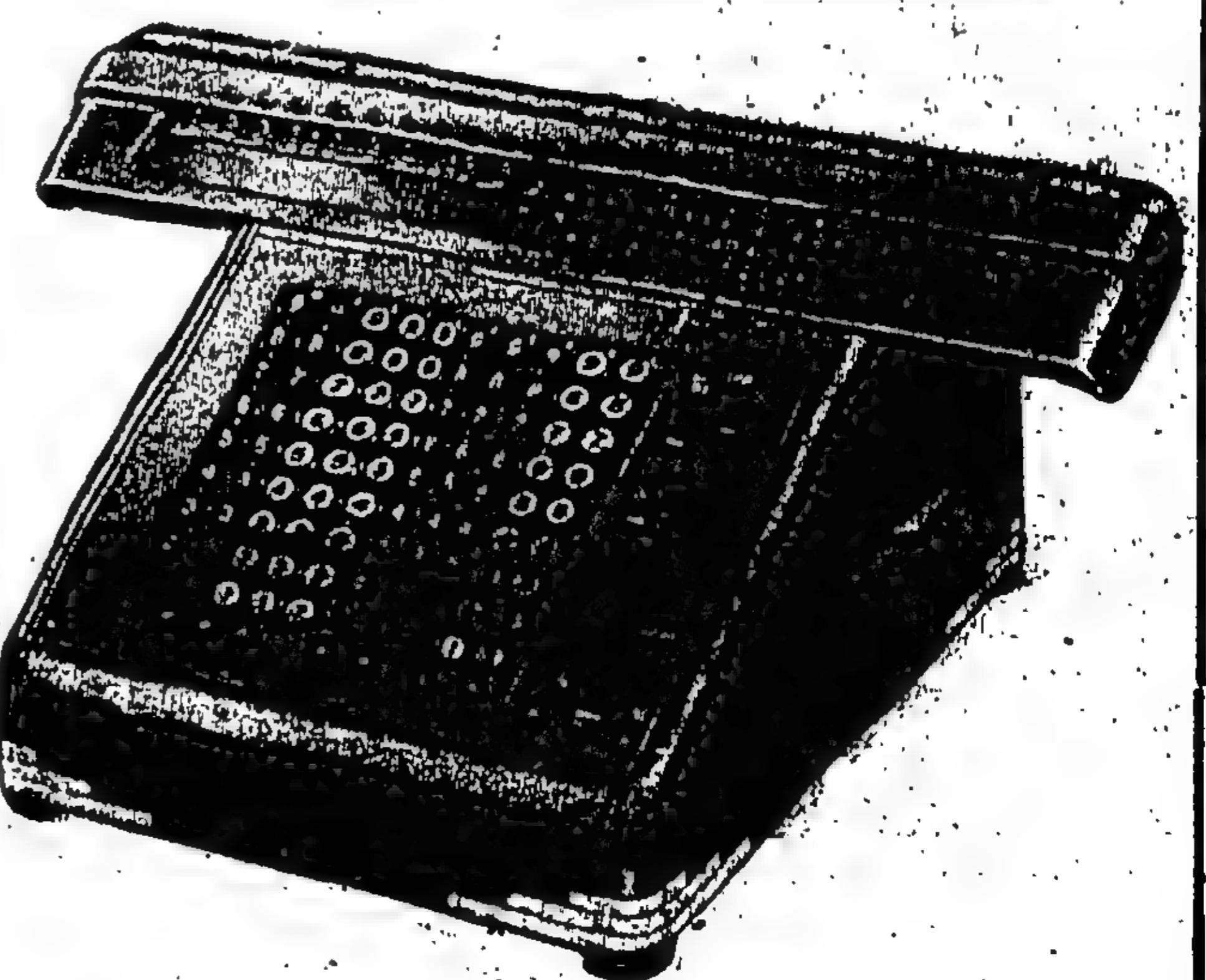
He was rushed to the International Relief Committee's hospital in the Refugee Zone, but succumbed shortly to loss of blood. — Central News



During air-raids, nurses at the Salvation Army Mothers Hospital in London spend much of their time knitting for mothers. They call themselves the "Niwits." Photo shows nurses in the shelter busy knitting. (Copyright, Fox).

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DEATH SENTENCES ON ALLEGED SPIES IN ITALY

VERY HEAVY sentences on 24 people accused of spying have been inflicted, announces Rome Radio.

The sentences include two of death, and those sentenced include two members of the Italian Navy, a workman in a firm of naval constructors and a trade representative at Taranto.

200-FEET LEAP FROM CATHEDRAL

Scaling ten feet high railings, with spikes turned inwards, and squeezing through a space only two feet wide, a forty-one-year-old aircraftman jumped 200 feet to death from the tower of Westminster Cathedral.

This story was told at the Westminster inquest on John Eric Fox, who had left behind a note saying that he had found life not worth living without his wife who was working with the N.A.A.F.I.s in a different part of the country.

He ascended the tower of Westminster Cathedral by lift. Later an air raid warning was given, and as he had not come down a search was made and a priest found him lying on the roof.

He left his cap, respirator, and a letter addressed to his wife in the tower.

Father L. M. Feery said as the result of a case that happened at the Cathedral ten or twelve years ago the tower was adequately protected and only a man with some physical development and a certain amount of nerve could get over the 10ft. railings.

Police-Sergeant John McWilliam said that Fox must have been a very athletic man, there being spikes turned inwards to climb over and a space of only 2ft. to get through.

The coroner, Mr. Bentley Purchase said he was satisfied that the railings on the tower were adequate except, perhaps, to anyone who would brook no obstacle. Verdict: Suicide while of unsound mind.

According to Rome Radio, a special tribunal for the defence of the State ended its case on Saturday evening against members of a "network of spies operating in Italy."

Sentences of death by shooting were imposed on a trade representative at Taranto, and a Quartermaster in the Royal Italian Navy.

The executions took place on the outskirts of Rome yesterday morning.

Three people were convicted to prison for an unspecified term, and comprise a Sub-Chief Quartermaster in the Navy, workman in a firm of naval constructors, and his wife.

Two persons were sent to prison for 30 years—a woman of Austrian origin, the other a man of apparently doubtful nationality.

One man with an Italian name was given a sentence of 27 years, while 16 others received prison terms of from three to ten years. — Reuter.

9 HOURS IN DEBRIS, UNHURT

Police searching among bombed cottages in a north-west town found an elderly woman still lying in bed unhurt, nine hours after the bombs fell. She had been bedridden for years, and was quite unable to help herself when the explosion shattered part of her house and exposed her in her bed to the street.

Rescue work had been going on all the time, but she had been overlooked.

Bed-ridden women of seventy and eighty and sick children escaped injury when a bomb fell near the wards of a north-west institute.

Heads Under Clothes

The women obeyed an instruction to put their heads under the bedclothes, and none was hurt when all the windows of the wards crashed in. Two elderly women sang a Scottish song. Nurse Margaret MacGuire was in a cottage when debris from the roof and ceiling fell on her. Barefooted and wearing only pyjamas she scrambled through a broken window and hurried to help other nurses bathe children covered with soot and dirt.

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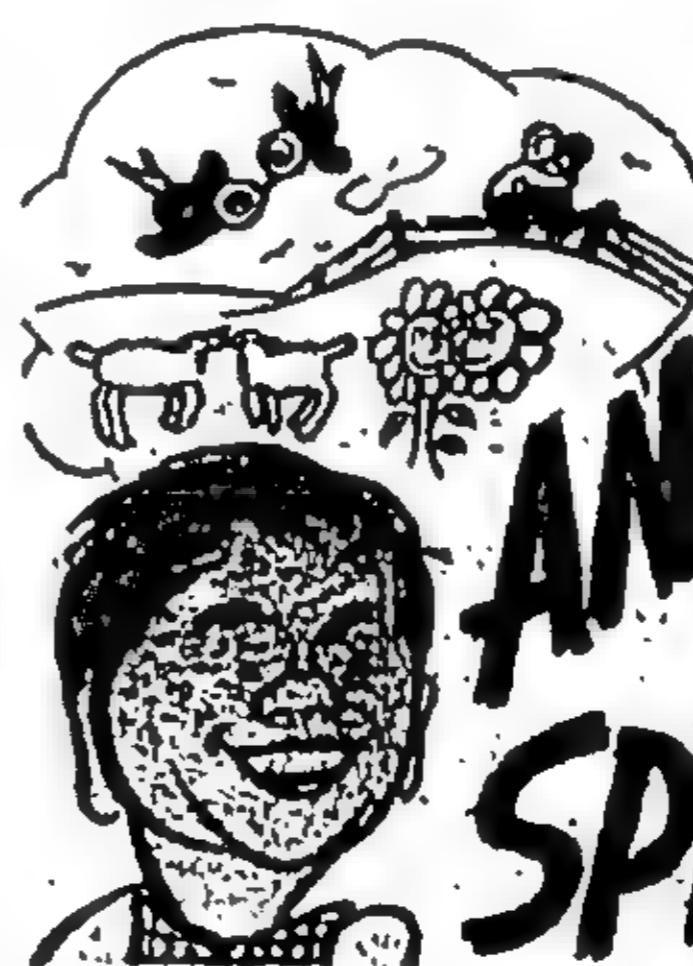
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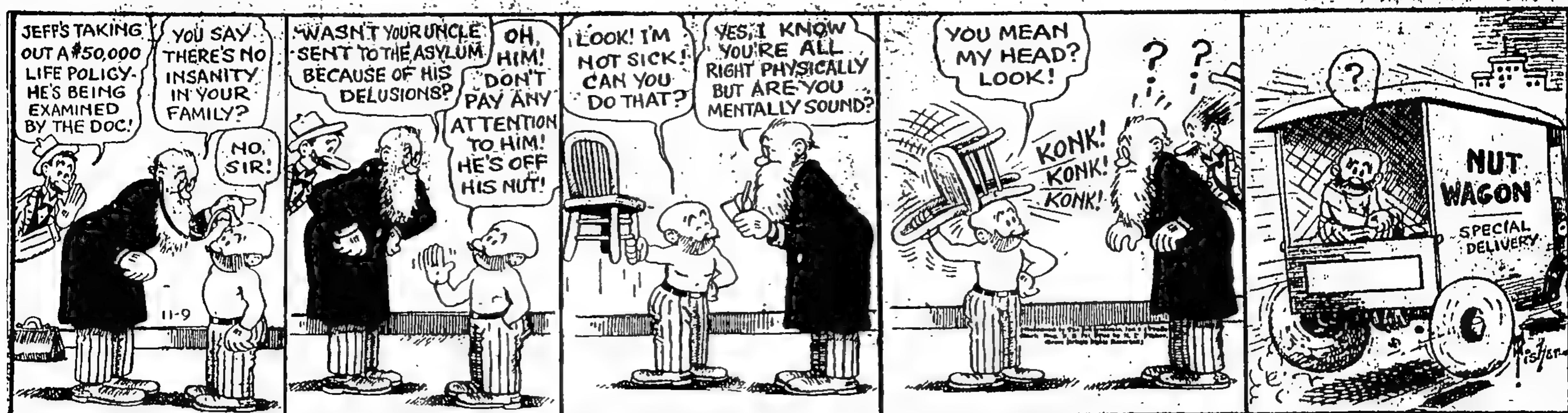
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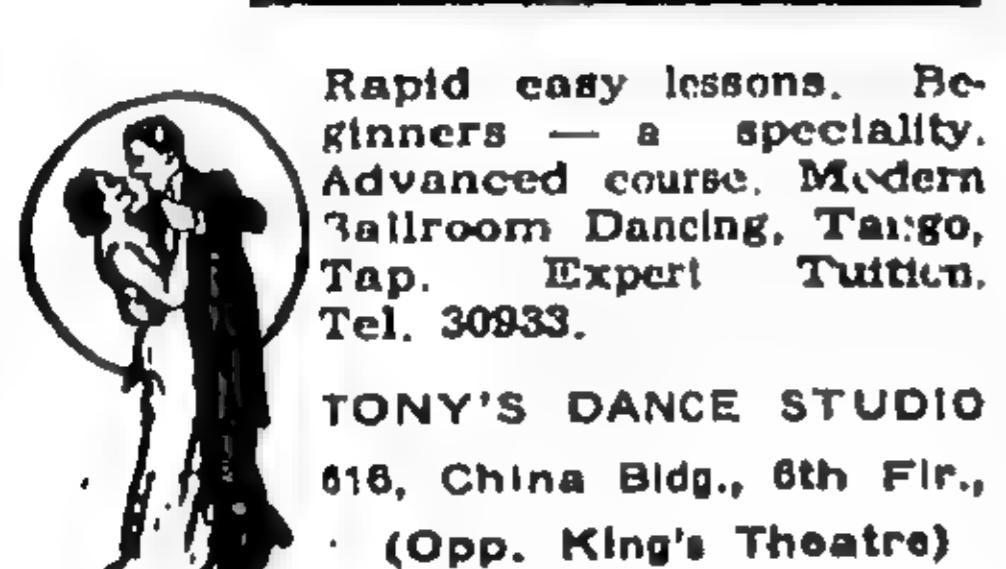
"IF MARSHAL PETAIN is determined to take no military initiative against anyone he is also determined to preserve for France what she has acquired from pain," declared General Bergeret, French Minister for Air, in a broadcast from Beirut reported by the French news agency yesterday.

RAIDS IN YUNNAN

Japanese aircraft raided Yungping, Paoshan and Kokiu in Yunnan yesterday. Damage is understood to be slight.

Kunming was under air raid alarm from 8.45 a.m. to 3.05 p.m. — Central News.

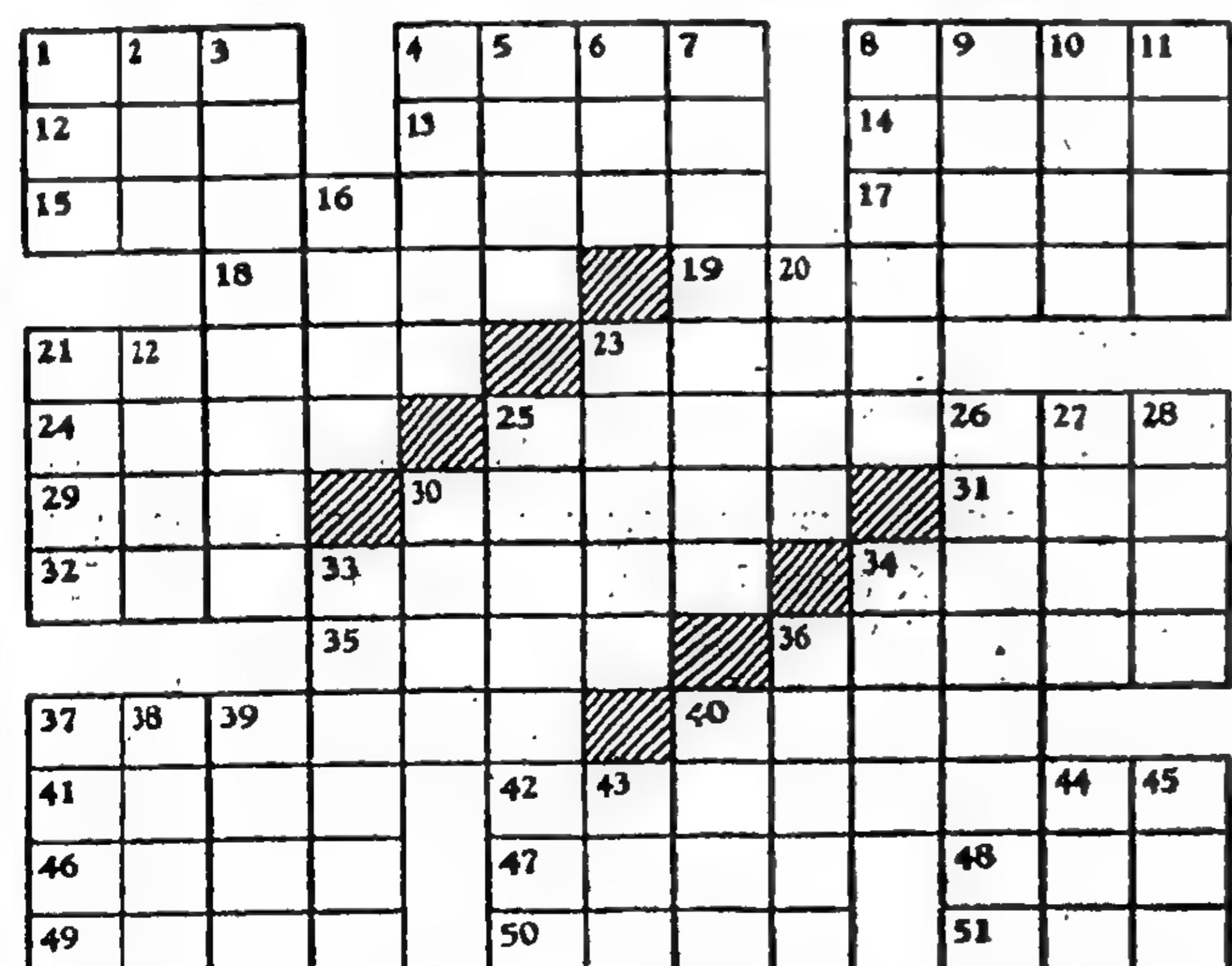
LEARN DANCING IN 6 HOURS



INDIAN GUARD WOUNDED

An Indian Guard (No. S66) was wounded in the left leg at 6 a.m. yesterday by a bullet from a revolver which discharged when the guard accidentally dropped it on the ground. The man was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital. His condition is not serious.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Queen of the fairies
- Poisonous snakes
- Carnivorous quadruped
- Wing
- Outer garment
- Man's name
- Paid office without employment
- Girl
- To rip
- To awaken
- To manipulate
- To prepare for publication
- In mistaken
- Archbishop
- Fish eggs
- Salary
- Thigh joint
- To attempt
- Greek goddess
- Entrance
- To surround
- Fragment
- Enemies
- Fever

VERTICAL

- To flood
- To stagger
- Bacteriologist's wire
- Card game
- Thomas Hardy heroine
- To require
- Poetic: distant
- Male
- Moslem name
- Chaffed
- Ancient Asiatic country
- Tart
- Golf term
- Firmer
- Ball
- Sloth
- Plant with numerous small leaves
- South African ox
- Snake-like fishes
- Borders
- Part of "to be"
- To smooth
- Grass disease
- Building of ornamental character
- Division of ancient Greece
- European country
- Argument
- To walk with difficulty
- Painter's stands
- Notice
- Studied assiduously
- Marketplace
- Curved molding
- Regrets
- To merge
- Born
- Also
- Vast age

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION

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DOVER PATROL NERVE CENTRE

From A Special Correspondent

Navy's "Stone Frigate"

By courtesy of the Officer Commanding I have had the unusual experience of boarding and inspecting H.M.S. Lynx, more familiarly known to naval men of the Dover Patrol as the Stone Frigate or Ship Ashore.

I was received on the quarter-deck of this remarkable ship, which, commanded by a Royal Naval captain with a full company of officers, has a ship's company which includes a number of very efficient Wrens.

The quarter deck, from which the officer commanding directs operations, receives other officers and metes out justice to the men under his command, is actually a bleak stone-walled vault in a large stone underground building. The entire ship is indeed built of concrete and stone.

Nevertheless the Lynx is very much a naval unit with a vast ship's company on its books. She is parent ship to all H.M. vessels included in the famous and historic Dover Patrol.

The Lynx is responsible for everything affecting the well-being and the fighting efficiency of the fighting ships of the Dover Patrol.

An Actual Ship

The Lynx succeeds a long line of naval craft, including sloops, brigs and a destroyer, which served in the last war. She is a craft on shore, but since in the traditions of the Royal Navy there must be an actual ship for every ship's name, there exists a sea-going H.M.S. Lynx, which is a picket boat and operates about the harbour as efficiently as any unit in our great fleet.

I visited the armourer's shop, the gunnery office, where there were Wrens at work, the regulating office, all underground, so that vital work of the base shall suffer no disturbance from enemy action.

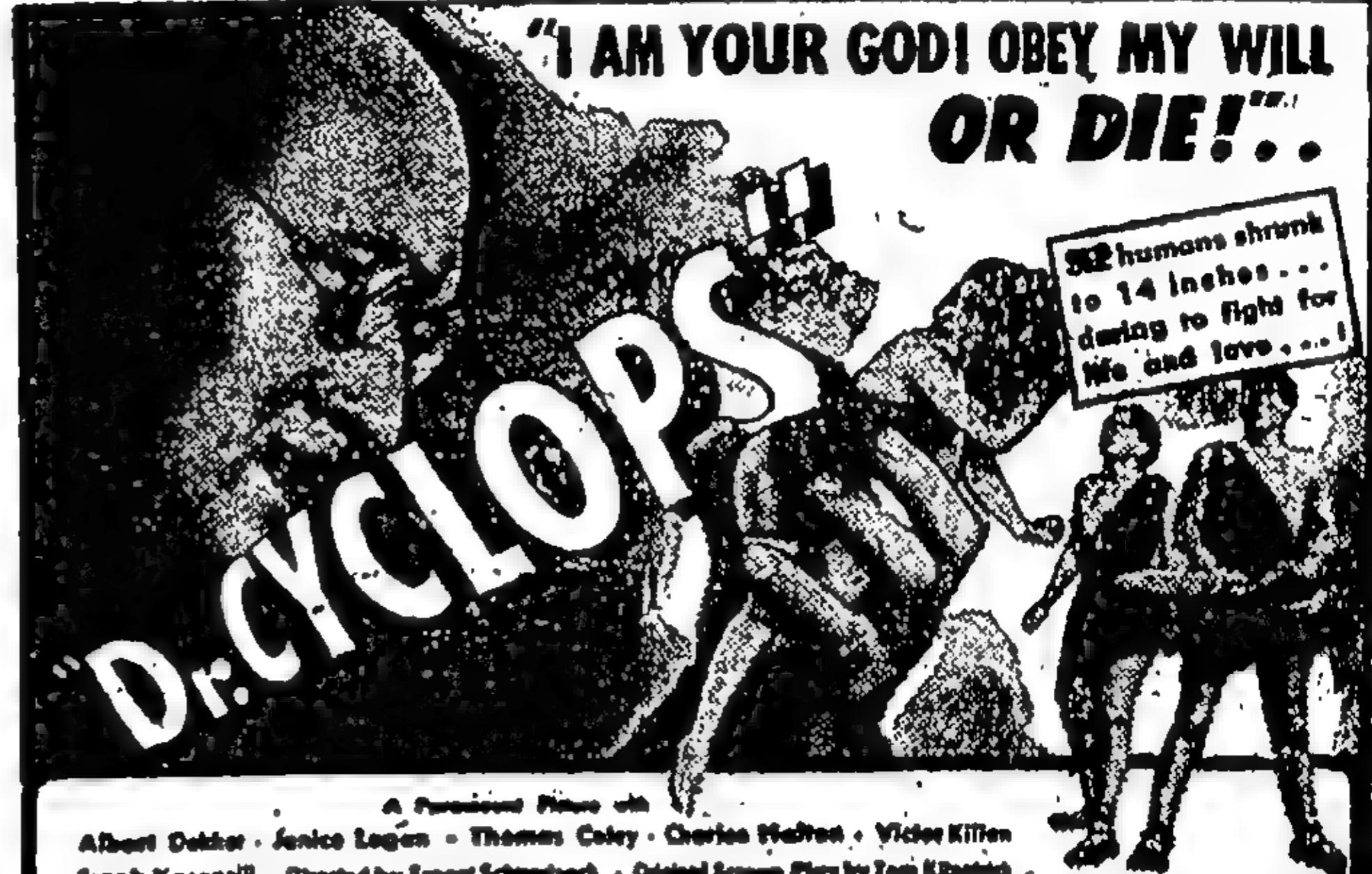
It will be realised that with ever-changing dispositions of our own and enemy minefields safe navigation on the English Channel is a ticklish business these days. And so upon this office every ship entering or leaving the Dover base depends for information which will ensure it a safe passage.

The mixed male and female staffs in this nerve centre of the ship is also responsible for making clear to those at sea each and every change in the difficult roads which lie among the minefields. Each ship master must be immediately advised of every change.

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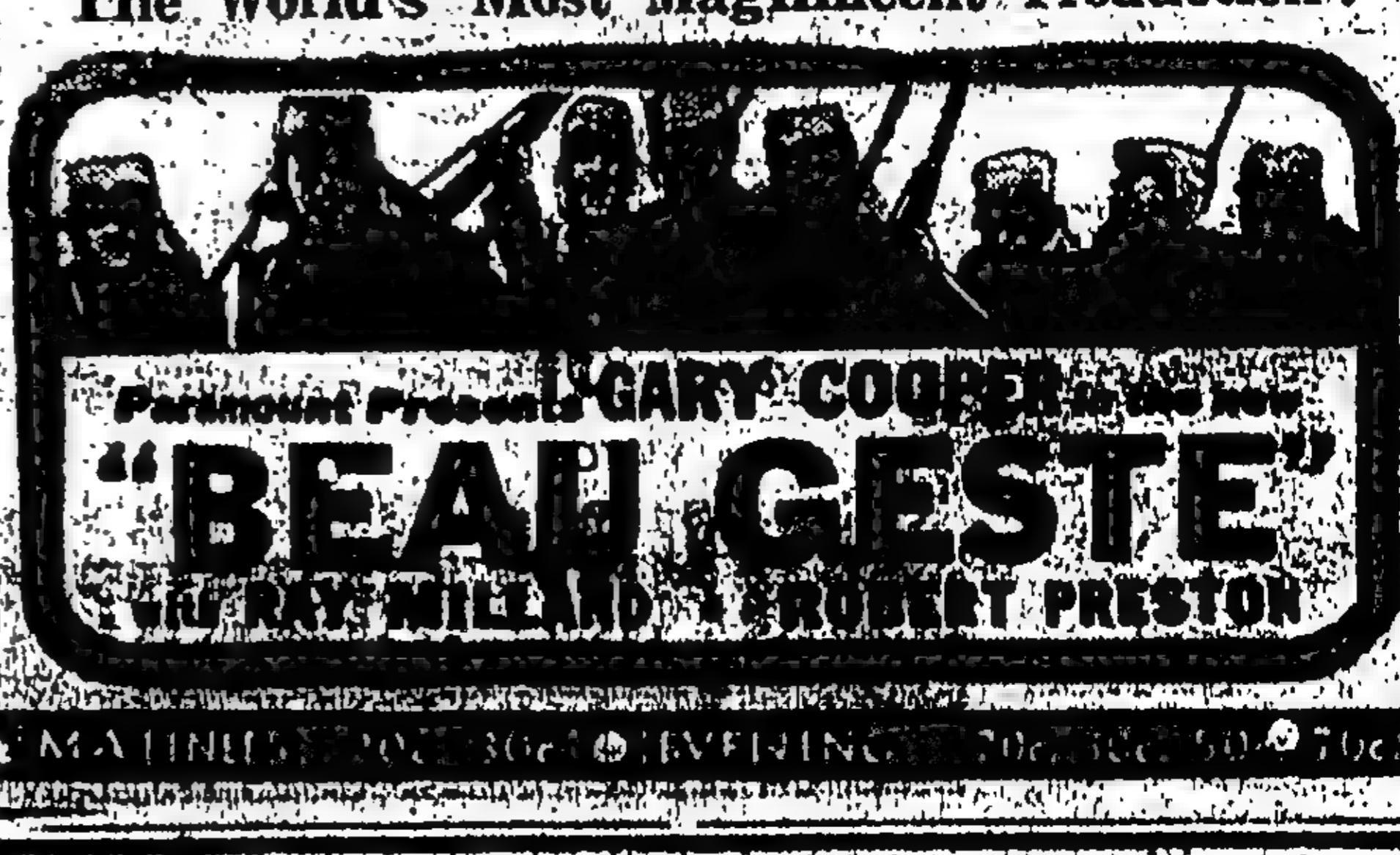
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KOWLOON

Revolt Spreading Through Abyssinia

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Sudan)

THE SOUND OF British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns, has brought new hope to the Abyssinians.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading.

3 CARS GIVEN TO WOMAN

"You are a very young man who has made a fool of himself," said Mr. Justice Black in Dublin Bankruptcy Court to Anthony Drew, 22, son of an English cotton printer and a native of Westmorland, who, in earlier proceedings, had stated that he spent an inheritance of £10,000 in 12 months.

Drew has admitted having sent £4,000 in a month to a Mrs. Winterbottom, who, it was stated, had lived with him in Irish hotels and was now living at the Carlton Hotel, London. He admitted owing £800 in Ireland, principally to hotels.

On his mother's death, it has been stated, Drew will receive a two-fifths share of his father's £69,000 estate.

Asked about a letter he wrote to a London firm negotiating for a loan of £12,000, Drew said that he hoped to get £700 to pay as interest from Mrs. Winterbottom. She had a trust fund from which she would get money.

Counsel: I put it to you that you receive money from a source you will not disclose to keep you in this country?—I receive no money except what I get from her.

He denied that he was keeping her at the Carlton Hotel. He said he had given her three expensive motor-cars. On Thursday she told him she had received £150 from the sale of one of them, but he had not given her authority to sell it.

Mr. Arthur Cox, for Drew, referred to a suggestion that he was in Ireland to avoid military service, and said that a London doctor had informed him that Drew was in a very poor state of health.

Mr. Justice Black said that the statement of some unknown doctor in London about Drew's health at some unspecified date might be of consequence or not, but he had enough to do with the financial side of the case without considering Drew's duty to the British Government.

The hearing was adjourned for a fortnight.

News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gojam, to the wilderness of Danakil and to the wide expanses of bush, with their sparse and scattered population.

The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" by which information flies from village to village in the heart of Africa.

The R.A.F.'s constant systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern Army of the Nile is close at hand.

Sudan Buzzing

The Sudan is buzzing with stories of risings across the border.

In Khartum itself great satisfaction is expressed at the recent House of Commons statement by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs that the revolt in Abyssinia appeared to be making progress.—Reuter.

DANCING CONTEST

OVER 150 COUPLES PACKED THE RITZ YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO WATCH THE ANNUAL AMATEUR DANCING COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE DANCERS' ASSOCIATION.

Nine couples took part in Tango, Fast and Slow Fox Trot, and Waltz events, while Mr. T. C. Kan and Miss Tang gave a demonstration of the Tango.

First prize was awarded to Mr. Wong Man and Miss Chan; second to Mr. Tee Kim-hung and Miss Tang, and third to Mr. Choi Tung and Miss Wong.

FORTUNE-TELLER LOOKS INTO FUTURE --- FOR 4 MONTHS

"I LOOK INTO THE future. I see that the Goddess has favoured you. You are going to have great luck. Buy 50 sweepstake tickets on the coming Derby and you will get the winning numbers."

These words, however, proved unlucky for the author, a 40-year-old professional fortune-teller, Ho Shing, who stood in the dock of the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with obtaining various amounts, totalling \$352.50, from an English speaking Chinese, Chan San-ning.

Pleading guilty, accused was sentenced to four months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

According to Sergeant Haynes, Chan San-ning, a rubber expert employed by Fung Keung Rubber Factory, went to the fortuneteller's house at No. 238, Chatham Road, ground floor, two Sundays ago to have his fortune told. Accused told Chan that he had luck and might win money if he purchased \$50 Derby tickets through him. He gave accused \$50 for the purpose.

The following day, Chan returned to get the tickets but was told that the money had been spent appeasing the Goddess and another sum of \$50 would be required for the purchase of the tickets. Chan paid another \$50.

Chan called on accused the third day but was told this time that out of the second \$50, \$2.50 had been spent for the purchase of a suitcase which the Goddess required to be kept in the temple for good luck. Chan paid accused the \$32.50.

On his fourth visit to the temple, Chan was told that accused had been talking the previous

LONG CHASE SUCCEEDS

Immediately after a German bomber had bombed a landing field in the West of England, two Spitfire pilots took off from the field, determined on revenge. For nearly 100 miles they followed the bomber, losing it from time to time in cloud and then picking it up again.

Eventually they got on its tail near Southampton. One of the fighters made a beam attack at 200 yards range, firing short bursts until smoke poured from the bomber.

"As I pulled away I saw that the enemy aircraft was losing height rapidly," this pilot said. "Then Number Two took up the attack from astern and expended all his ammunition."

"The enemy bomber flew low over the sea in a south-easterly direction for a few minutes. Then it turned and flew parallel with the coast. Immediately afterwards I saw the bomber dive into the sea and disappear."

DEATH FOR CHENG TU HOARDER

Yang Chuan-yu, former Mayor of Chengtu, has been sentenced to death by a military tribunal for hoarding wheat flour for profit against the wartime regulations. He will be executed by a firing squad to-day.

Ou Yuan-shu and Li Tsu-cheng, accomplices, were sentenced to life imprisonment.

In collaboration with Ou and Li, Yang hoarded several hundred shi of wheat flour in the name of the Chen Min Flour Mill while he was Mayor of Chengtu.—Central News.

Complainant Tumbles

The fifth day when he called, he was told that the Goddess was very angry because he had given her "bad" money, and that the money (\$220), which was put in a tin by accused had turned into tissue paper.

At this stage, complainant apparently realised that he had been taken for a ride, and reported the matter to the police, who arrested accused.

Accused said that he had spent all the money, chiefly in gambling, making new clothes and paying some of his debts.

SHANGHAI STREET CHASE

Charged with stealing a gold ring from a goldsmith's shop in Shanghai Street yesterday, Chan Ping, 33, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Madadyen this morning.

Accused went to the shop and asked to see some rings. He took one and ran but was chased and arrested by a Chinese constable,

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

PLIGHT OF NEUTRALS

Though the war on land has shifted to the Mediterranean, the troubles of the neutrals in the north are by no means over. The Finns have to find shelter, clothes and livelihood for half a million refugees who gave up their own farms and houses in the border districts taken by Russia, rather than become Soviet citizens. In a country as rugged and short on resources as Finland this is not easy.

With its own access to the sea shut off and its western markets closed, Sweden not only finds it impossible to be as generous with aid to its neighbours as it was last winter, but has to think about its own supplies. A comparative chart, published by a Stockholm newspaper, shows that Sweden suffers from almost as many restrictions as Finland and German-occupied Norway and Denmark. Though it has made new trade treaties, certain commodities cannot be imported.

Both Finland and Sweden have been forced to admit the passage of unarmed German soldiers on leave to and from Norway. Very few have so far passed through Finland, where transportation facilities in the North are difficult, and in Sweden so far more men have come from Norway than have gone in the opposite direction. This situation was recognised in an address before the Royal Empire Society in London by Lord Sempill, who cautioned his countrymen against judging Sweden too hastily. "World events have forced Sweden into a corner," he said. For neutrals north and south in Europe the totalitarian drive has a similar meaning.

HEIR TO FASHION'S THRONE?

Paris, the city of fashion, is silent. But the art of design goes on, and keen is the competition for the crown of fashion elegance that belonged to the city of haute couture française.

New York, with its smart American couturières, already claims succession to the throne. Hollywood, too, with its glamorous queens of film and fashion, aspires to become the new "Paris." Even in bomb-worried London, world famous designers still carry on, and the royal city of style may yet remain on that side of the Atlantic.

Madame Schiaparelli is

New Britain In The Making

Britain as a purely static view of democracy.

The price of this war is the making of a more equal society, and this is only realisable in labour's opinion through restricting, if not ending, those vested

By J. Emlyn Williams

interests which place profit-making before reconstruction. Nowadays the fundamental question is, Who are to enjoy that liberty and democracy for which Britain declares it is fighting to-day?

A new Britain is being born in the underground railway stations and shelters and the world emerging from the peace will not be the world that entered the war. The masses are beginning to ask that a start be made for a thorough-going redistribution of economic power in this country. The general thought of the British Nation is being gradually prepared for great changes, and the present catastrophe appears to many persons as just another chance for the Nation to choose wisely.

Labour offers a programme to satisfy this progressive desire for change which includes comprehensive social, economic and political planning on socialist lines. Labour emphasises that it is not "prepared again to watch the grim spectacle of distressed areas and decaying men when a policy of socialist development

can transform the one into sources of national wealth and the other into active and valuable citizens."

Undoubtedly the pace at which Labour would introduce this complete industrial, social, and financial reconstruction "in our time" might have serious repercussions upon the stability of finance and industry alike, and therefore affect the national welfare, since such stability is the one foundation of welfare.

And it would be mere naivete to imagine that such far-reaching change will come about as quickly and smoothly as many present-day idealists seem to imagine, for the past working of Democratic institutions has largely depended upon a general agreement on fundamentals, but when as to-day the Nation is deeply divided on matters of vital social importance solutions by parliamentary compromises are difficult to effect.

Labour In Peace Vanguard

Yet it is a remarkable tribute to the evolutionary outlook of British Labour that it looks to constitutional changes rather than revolution for its own preservation and the Nation's progress, with the result that the struggle of privilege against a juster distribution of the national wealth has Parliament rather than the streets for a battleground.

Labour's confidence in the future is all the stronger because it believes just as democracy, political liberty, and nationalism

were linked in the last century in the thought of most progressive thinkers, so at present are democracy, economic equality, and international understanding linked. And Labour is in the vanguard with a demand that a "people's war" must be converted into a "people's peace."

That peace will take on more meaning by virtue of the fact that totalitarianism has been clearly understood by Labour throughout a period which greatly antedates the present conflict.

The means and methods by which the Fascists and the Nazis seized power, particularly in sections of the community they attacked, led Labour early to reject these systems and line up on the side of humanitarianism and democracy in condemnation "of doctrines founded on the persecution of all who cherish freedom, who demand the right to organise, who claim to express their views openly by tongue and pen and the printing press."

Organised Labour condemned the "evil things" of the totalitarian systems even when the former British Government allowed them to go unperceived, despite the fact that these systems were feverishly preparing for an anti-democratic war.

Saw Power Of Dictators

It isn't an accident that the main opponents and chief victims of totalitarianism have been working-class victims—in Italy, Germany, and Spain—while it was the workers who heroically defended Warsaw after the Polish armies had broken and their leaders fled.

Labour's first great "victory" of the war was the fall of the Chamberlain Government which Labour was never convinced understood the nature or strength of the totalitarian powers.

Labour, political and industrial, determined to smash the totalitarian domination of Europe, and the close cooperation between the Government and the different branches of the trades-union movement go far to guarantee the smooth working of the colossal war production in all its complicated phases.

The contrast between the position of British Labour and that in countries under the totalitarian heel are clearly shown in this situation. German Labour is allowed no expression in the political affairs of that country. It has become a mere cog in the wheel of war production run by the Nazis.

The importance of German Labour and the people is shown in the example even before the outbreak of war when on July 2 and August 25, 1939, the British National Council of Labour made two appeals to the German people.

No Answer From Germans

The council emphasised that "all war with its tragic burdens falls most heavily upon the common people of all lands." But the common people of Germany were not allowed to answer—it is doubtful whether they were allowed to receive the message.

Italian Labour long ago ceased to play any political role, the corporative system having closed its doors to free political expression. In countries overrun by the Germans the Nazis have attempted to apply their oppressive methods to Labour, but with doubtful success.

France presents an example of the difficulty of forcing Labour to accept totalitarian standards. The Vichy Government attempted to consolidate its position with Labour by making René Belin its Minister of Labour. He had been one of the most powerful secondary figures in the entire French Labour movement, but now stands repudiated by the workers who understand full well that he now must speak for a system with which Labour can have nothing in common.

This awareness of the fundamental meaning of totalitarianism and the quest for a new era of social and economic relations will shape the imprint Labour will make on things to come. Pursuit of its objectives by constitutional and orderly processes remains; at the same time, the method through which Labour is committed to make its contribution.

Some Thoughts On Writing

Is it unreasonable that one who makes no claim to any distinction in the realm of letters shall be permitted a declaration of his faith in regard to what is good and what is bad in modern writing, and try to make a point or two for the benefit of aspiring writers? If it is, pardon my temerity and let me be deliberately unreasonable for once. If lovers of good literature were canvassed, there is little doubt that the consensus would be that lack of rhythm and an undistinguished vocabulary are only too often observable in the output of the younger school of writers. Therefore, my declaration of faith would commence with a protest against their

sure that it will—that the salons of Paris again will scintillate with the shimmer of gorgeous gowns, the exquisite sheen of fine fabrics, and the sparkle of jewels. But meantime there must be a new centre of fashion, even if temporary.

Will it be another Paris? Can that deft touch of the French designer, that taste, that passionate devotion to beauty that has animated the Parisian artiste, suddenly become the inheritance of another? To the Parisian couturière nothing was impractical if beautiful.

Perhaps a new day has come upon the world of fashion—possibly a new era. Some other capital of wealth, beautiful women and talented designers may become temporarily, even permanently, the new centre of fashion, but no city will become overnight another Paris. Another may fall heir to a crown of fashion, but it will not be the crown of Paris.

utter disregard of the music of language and of most of the standards which consideration of style would naturally impose.

The driver of the modern automobile may glory in his ignorance of the machine that propels him, but this ignorance will not absolve him from obedience to the rules of traffic or observance of the chivalry of the road. Those writers who are so busy setting the world to rights may have what they consider to be an adequate knowledge of the language required for the purpose, but they ought not to be so completely indifferent to the standards established by the great literature of the past.

It almost goes without saying that thoughts or ideas that are good and true will clothe themselves naturally in language which conveys something of their charm and goodness, but it needs a well-trained ear to be able to take full advantage of this fact. A good writer will be a good listener.

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Logan Pearsall Smith, writing of the pleasure he receives from certain true lovers of language, refers to their occasional use of some ancient primitive word which appears on their pages "with its face washed and its eyes shining," thus vividly conveying how the writer has explored the dynamic value of a word, whether old or new, so as to give the fullest significance to its meaning.

Conversely, one might refer to a word that is being debased by its use as devoid of vitality and having a lack-lustre eye. There are no statistics to indicate whether the great increase in the use of the spoken word has affected the output of the written word, but it might do so to advantage. Selection according to literary merit, instead of mere up-to-the-minute slickness, might then come into its own again.

A writer would at least have to know himself equipped in three essentials: First, something to say; second, the desire that it shall be said rightly; third, the needed vocabulary.

These three essentials being present, the result ought to be the kind of good writing which makes easy reading.

Ramsay MacDonald used to say that one never knows how little he knows until he takes a

pen in his hand. It follows then that in complying with the requirement "something to say" one will realise this truism and either refrain from writing or else repair the deficiency.

Then, too, if a thing needs saying at all, there is also the need that it be rightly said.

Matthew Arnold, in his celebrated essay on Wordsworth, singles out for special attention a line which has very little more to say than the sentence quoted above. It is taken from the poem "Michael": "And never lifted up a single stone." Of this line he says, "There is nothing subtle in it, no heightening, no study of poetic style, strictly socalled, at all; yet it is expression of the highest and most truly expressive kind."

This suggests that the highest form of expression is that which concedes to words their full dynamic value, not resorting to any repetition as though the words were unable to sustain the load imposed upon them without such bolstering.

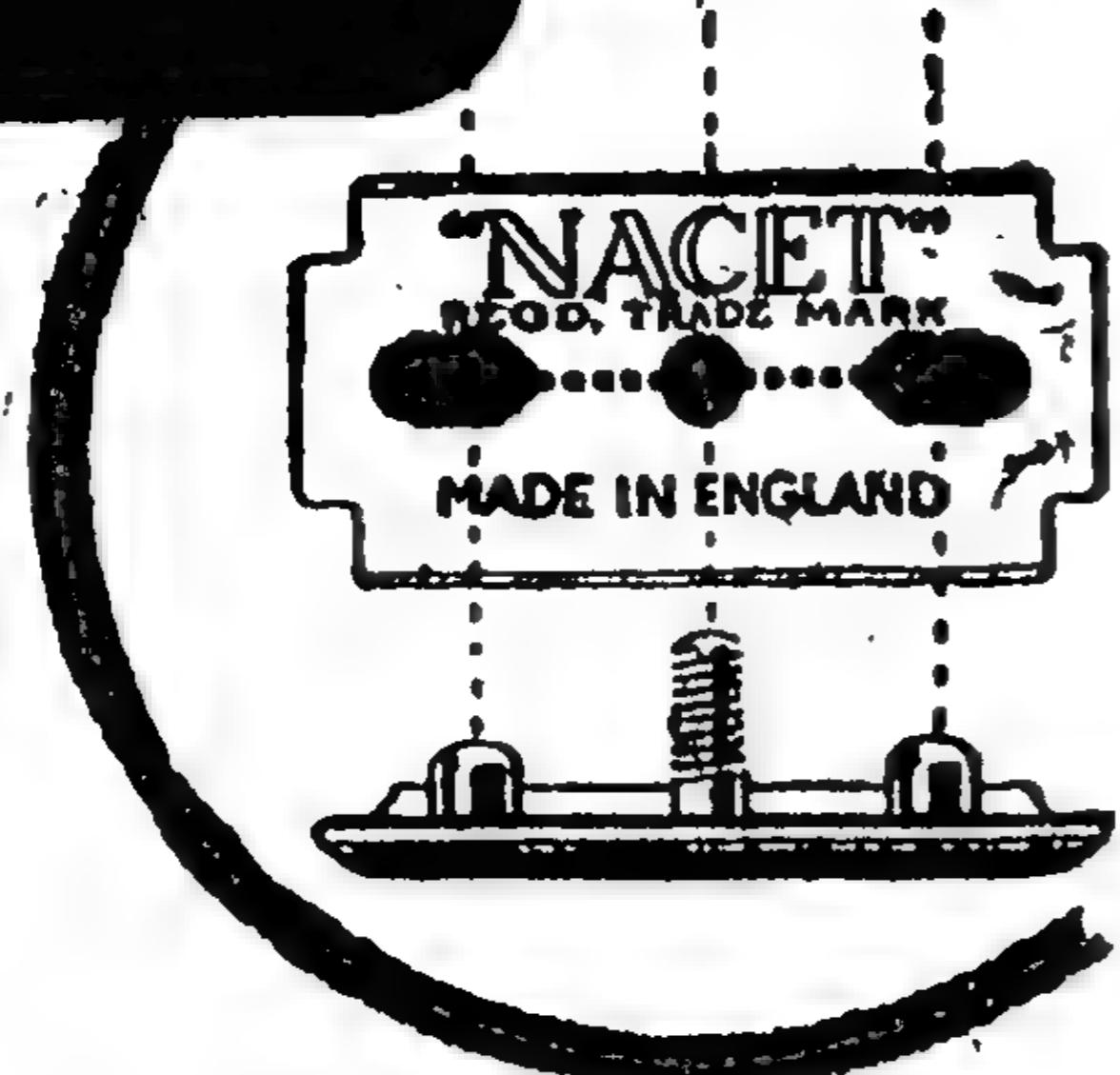
And this brings us finally to the question of the vocabulary with which we clothe our thoughts. There are many more words in the average man's vocabulary than he ever dares to use. That is to say he knows the words, but he is not sure of their meaning and would be afraid to use them. He who would be a writer will be wise not only to enlarge his vocabulary, but to understand what each word means, else he can never use it as it should be used, and his meaning will become involved and lacking in clarity of expression.

Can there be a better way to enlarge one's vocabulary than by reading the best authors and watching the skill with which they make use of words to produce their effects? How else can one begin to understand the art that underlies all good writing—the patient and careful selection of the tools used in the process? Next, one will begin to aim at perfecting his own ability to write his thoughts in simple language that charms and encourages the reader because of its obvious sincerity. Then, if one persistently persists in the face of all discouragement, his writing will go up the scale.

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For making fast to Admiralty buoys on Saturday, two junk-mistresses were each fined \$5, or seven days' imprisonment, by Commander J. Jolly, Acting Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

Why? Firstly, because Congress Party resented the fact that India's entry into the war was not left in her hands; India entered the war automatically when Britain did. Unlike the Dominions, however, India could not

enter the war on her own account, since her Central Government was still responsible solely to Parliament through the Secretary for India.

As a protest, Congress called on the eight Ministries manned by its members to resign. Assam managed to form an alternative Ministry, but the other Ministries are now under the direct control of the Governors, assisted by specially appointed advisory bodies.

Congress Adamant

Efforts were (and are being) made to reconcile the differences, the Viceroy interviewing a large number of Indian leaders in an effort to surmount the impasse, the final suggestion being an expansion of the War Cabinet to include representatives of the leading parties, with Dominion status for India as soon as possible after war ended.

Congress remained adamant. Through Mr. Gandhi, they asked for the right to carry their pacifism through to the point of making speeches or engaging in other activities to enforce that belief.

The Viceroy had to tell them that he was prepared to go as far as to treat them as conscientious objectors, but beyond that he could not go. They were asking for greater powers of free speech than is accorded Britons at home in war-time.

This controversy has dangers, Mr. Haward said, but he emphasised that the present dispute is purely a local one; Congress itself is of this opinion.

India's determination to see the Axis beaten is unchanged, and from one point of view the present controversy might be construed as a healthy sign, as it would seem to indicate that Congress is quite certain that Britain is going to win and feels that the present domestic dispute will not assume proportions such as to hinder the prosecution of the war against Germany and Italy.

Not Lack Of Men

Mr. Haward also stressed a fact that is perhaps not commonly appreciated—that while small sections of India's mighty people are still barely out of the bow-and-arrow stage and only 95 out of 1,000 are literate, India has men who could take senior posts anywhere in the world—whether in the field of commerce, law, government, the arts or political controversy.

Some of the world's greatest orators, poets, artists, Government officials and businessmen are to be found in India to-day, and it is not a lack of gifted men that prevents India from assuming Dominion status right away.

Basically, there are the differences existing between the two major parties—the Congress Party and the Moslem League—to settle, not to mention the 50,000,000 "untouchables" and the 65,000,000 people in the Indian States, which in general have their own more or less autocratic rulers (including the richest man in the world) and whose inhabitants are the subjects of their rulers. The rights of all these must be protected.

The inextricable mixture of races, religions and civilisations presents a terrific problem which the sudden withdrawal of the British from India would not solve.

He reiterated that the present dispute is an internal one, and with time will be solved. As far as external affairs—particularly the war with the Axis—are concerned, India is backing Britain, for the Indians know that if Britain loses their chances of achieving independence are practically nil.

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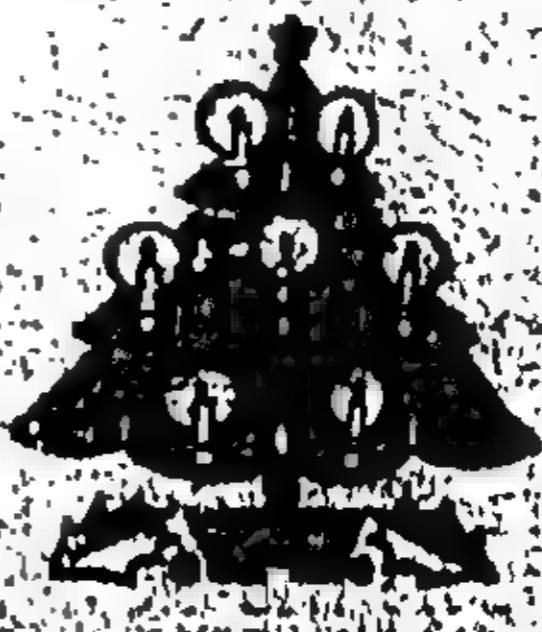
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THERE IS MATCHLESS R.A.F. HEROISM OF WHICH THE BRITISH PEOPLE HAVE NOT YET BEEN TOLD. IN THE AIR BATTLES OVER BRITAIN YOUNG MEN, THEIR AMMUNITION GONE, HAVE FLUNG AWAY THEIR LIVES TO SMASH THE ENEMY.

Now the deeds of two of these unnamed heroes have been chronicled. The first story came in a letter from John Tapping, of Victoria Road, Deal, Kent. Here is the letter:

"In this grim and glorious hour when ordinary men only ask to live to fight under the inspiration of our superlative defenders of the air we breathe, one wonders why the epic victory and matchless self-sacrifice witnessed here has not yet been chronicled.

"The feat of a Royal Air force pilot-officer whose body now lies in a countryside east house should take its place in history with that of Bay Cornwell.

"In possibly the fiercest air battle our Spitfire hero, after what appeared to be a death struggle was forced down.

"Within an ace of crashing, the 'plane straightened out, and to the amazement of hundreds of watchers climbed back, almost vertically into the arena again.

"Glorious Doom"

"The Spitfire was swiftly engaged in the second and, alas, final round. After a terrific machine-gun versus cannon battle the Spitfire, now entirely spent of ammunition, charged straight at the now climbing Messerschmidt.

"Our pilot smashed right through the Hun's wing, which fell as though it were a piece of cucumber. As the enemy turned over the invader was able to bale out.

"Our fighter after his 400-mile-an-hour charge through the Messerschmidt earthwards, crashed—straight to his glorious doom.

"Glorious—because there never was any finer victory or greater sacrifice.

"The relatives of our gallant hero should receive the decoration with such valour and self-sacrifice so richly deserves."

Fell Interlocked

The second hero was a twenty-six-year-old sergeant-pilot. He was practising night flying in an Anson training machine when a Heinkel bomber dived out of the moonlit sky and fired bursts at him.

The Anson machine was completely unarmed.

People on the ground saw the sergeant-pilot crash his machine into the Heinkel.

The 'plane fell to the ground interlocked. In the wreckage of the Heinkel were five dead Germans. In the wreckage of the Anson was the body of the sergeant pilot.

He had just gained his wings. The flight which was his last was to have completed his final course of training.

ULSTER TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

THE SPEAKER OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PARLIAMENT, MR. H. G. H. MULHOLLAND, HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR.

"At the unanimous request of the members of the House of Commons, Northern Ireland," it ran, "I beg to send you this expression of the intense admiration we all feel for the wonderful and magnificent initiative and gallantry of the R.A.F."

Sir Archibald Sinclair replied: "The tribute of the House of Commons, Northern Ireland, to the gallantry and initiative of the R.A.F. is an encouragement to us all in these stirring and strenuous days. It will be gratefully received by all ranks of the R.A.F., to whom I am sending it at once."

GERMAN SECRETS OUT

The R.A.F. are in possession of all the secrets of the Luftwaffe's machines. Since the blitzkrieg on London started, the Germans have lost so many planes, many of which have fallen into R.A.F. hands in fairly good condition, that British technical experts now know all there is to know about German aircraft.

Generally speaking, the materials used in German aircraft are good, but the performance is not so good as ours.

German 'planes which have been brought down carried some instruments not in use on British machines. The fuel of the Germans, both petrol and oil, had been up to standard, but in some machines they had found gadgets which enabled substitute fuels to be used.

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Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1940.



NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1941:

- (1) Private Rickshaw & Driver Licences
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- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before renewing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsan Shui Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2nd and January 24th, 1941.

G. G. PERDUE,
Commissioner of Police.
Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1940.

EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on FRIDAY, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee in connection with the reply to the Petition submitted on November 22.

F. G. CLEMO,
Secretary.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 24th Dec., 1940 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

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BRIDGE NOTES

THE RIGHT CARD By The Four Aces

To-day's hand would never see the light of day if North hadn't overbid his hand and if South hadn't misplayed his; but the two mistakes gave East a chance to make a very fine defensive play:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♦ A Q 10	♦ K J 8
♦ 7	♦ Q 10 9 7 5 4
♦ J 8 5 2	♦ K 9 8 6 5
♦ 8 7 6	♦ Q 9 5 4
♦ A J 10	♦ 2
♦ K 6 2	♦ Q 6 5 3
♦ 7 6 3	♦ 8 4 2
♦ A 10	♦ A K 7 8
♦ K 9 8 4 3	♦ 8 3 2
♦ A 8 3	♦ 7 6 5

The bidding:

North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♦
2♣	Pass	2NT
3NT	Pass	Pass

West opened the eight of hearts, and since East saw no reason to waste his Queen, South won the trick with the ten of hearts. The club Ace dropped East's Jack, and the club eight was allowed to hold the next trick. At this point, of course, South should have cashed the heart ace to unblock the suit. Instead, he led his last club, West winning with the club King.

ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 4

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1 ACE... 3
2 KING... 2
3 QUEEN... 1
4 JACK... 4

LOW CARD VALUES
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By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Tomatoes--Lush and Red are now at their sun ripened best

declares Dorothy Greig

Near where I live is a famous soup kitchen. One morning at this time of year the air is filled with a sudden all-pervading fragrance. The tomato season has begun!

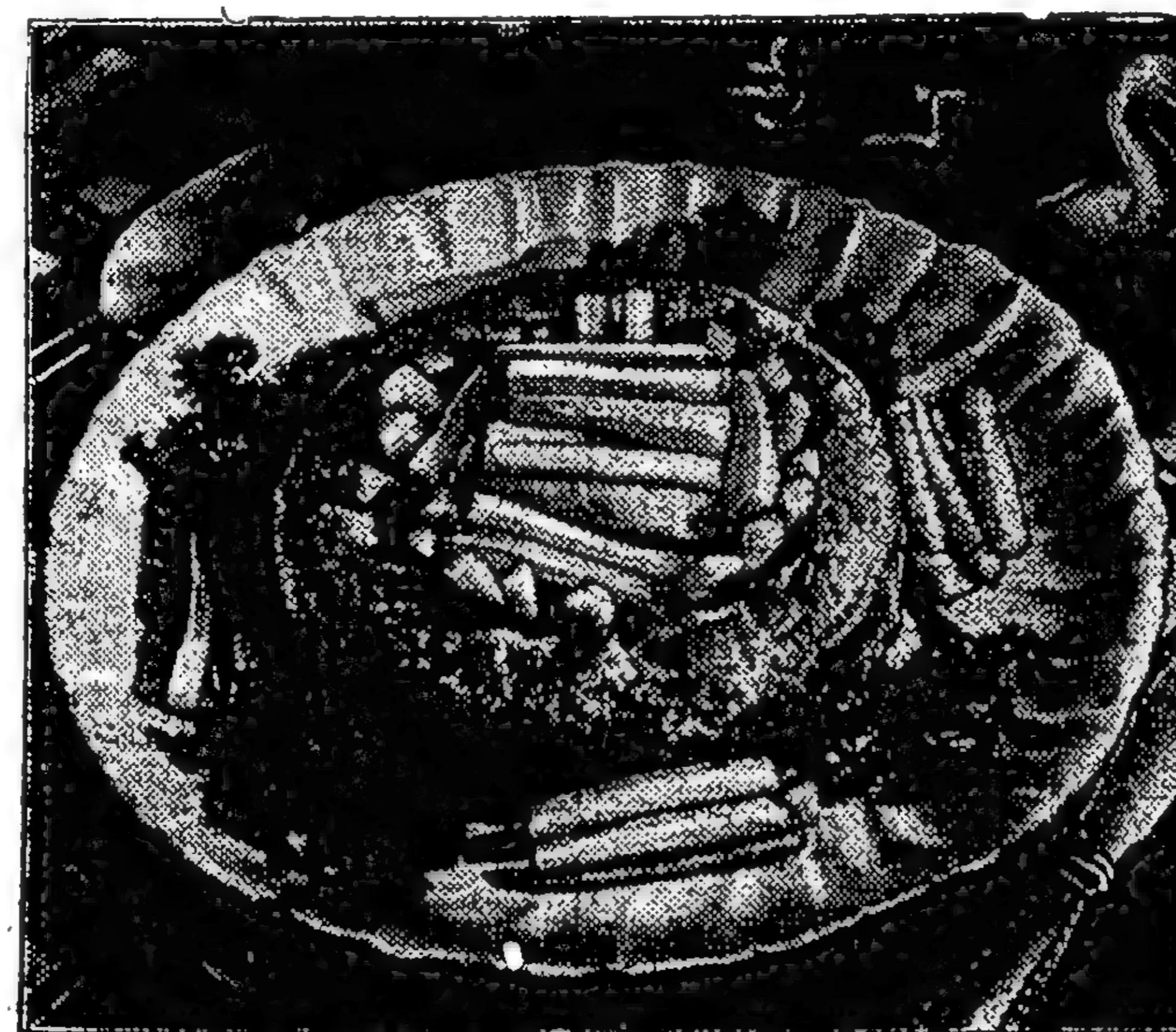
For weeks then, converging down every road, come thousands of trucks laden with shining red tomatoes bound for those soup kettles. They hurry, do the trucks, urged by the desire to capture within a few scant hours the fresh perfection of the tomatoes. For these tomatoes were picked only after Mother Nature had in her fullness ripened them readily through to their very hearts, and blessed them with rich vitalising juice.

Right now, too, ripe tomatoes abound in Hong Kong markets. At no season are they finer in flavour. Serve them often, while you may, in salads, as a relish. Tomatoes are a truly abundant source of Vitamin C. A big glassful of tomato juice at breakfast, for instance, gives us our supply of this vitamin for the day.

Another way to enjoy the flavour and goodness of tomatoes is in cooked dishes. Here canned tomatoes, condensed tomato soup and tomato juice are particularly suited to our purpose. This ham ring contains tomato soup, is easy to make and is a beautiful blending of meat with tomato flavour.

Baked Ham Ring

1 1/2 pounds raw ham, ground
1/2 pound fresh pork, ground
1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs
1 can condensed tomato soup
2 eggs
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Combine all ingredients and mix



A Baked Ham Ring with a glorious tomato flavour is filled and garnished with carrots.

well. Pack into a buttered ring mould and bake in a moderate oven (350 deg.) for 45 minutes. Fill the centre of the ring and garnish the platter with cooked carrots. Serves 8.

And here's an idea for a hot slaw that is quite unusual:

Hot Tomato Cabbage Slaw

1 1/2 cups tomato juice
1 quart shredded raw cabbage

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 Pinch pepper

Cook the shredded cabbage, uncovered, in the boiling tomato juice. Add salt and turn cabbage occasionally so that it all cooks in the juice. Cook 15-20 minutes. Add salt, butter, sugar and pepper and heat thoroughly to blend the flavours. Serves 4.

Are You A Potential Beauty?

Few of the screen stars ever expected to be considered glamour girls and certainly none of their friends thought it would happen. That, my dears, is my text for today's beauty lesson! Perhaps you too are a potential beauty with glamour waiting to bloom once you resolve, "I am going to make myself beautiful."

Most compelling beauty is acquired. A girl may be born with a pretty face, naturally curly hair and a healthy constitution but she may grow into the dowdiest woman of her group, unless she determines to keep herself attractive. And on the other hand, many an ugly young duckling has matured into a glamour girl by simply going after beauty in earnestness.

During the winter, particularly, I think most women want to be attractive. Old romances are freshened and new romances begin for the young. Social life becomes more important to the older woman during the next five months and feminine competition is keener. Every woman ardently desires to meet both challenges successfully, and she knows in her heart that keeping beautiful is an ace up her sleeve!

The Cinderella Game

We all love a Cinderella story—a tale of the transformation of a dud into a creature of rare loveliness. Not enough women realise that they can actually experience being a Cinderella transformed, but it is not accomplished by the touch of a magic wand. To polish up one's beauty and to create

a little extra one needs to persevere in detailed grooming and freshen up mentally.

The Making Over

Many experts begin the refashioning of a drab woman with an exercise routine. I would begin differently. I would take her to an expert hairdresser to have a new coiffure suggested, and advise daily and weekly treatments for her scalp. Then I would treat her for a facial and manicure, and possibly a complete body massage.

By that time our subject would see the possibilities in herself and during a shopping tour for a new outfit she couldn't help but wish that her posture was more impressive and her figure more beautifully proportioned. That should resolve her to get busy the next day and postpone more wardrobe purchases until she had whipped her body into good condition.

The Final Step

Loveliness without more or less inspires loveliness within. One cannot look at one's reflection of a very attractive woman without feeling a bit proud. The realisation comes to one that if so little effort created so much beauty one should keep on persevering. There is one's voice to improve, one's mind to school, new fields to conquer. And the fresh grip on life which a refashioning gives a woman affords energy to carry on in a new inspired way. In the old days modern Cinderella can get her Prince or his equivalent!

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1.13 p.m.—Orchestra Raymonde.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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7.30 p.m.—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Eileen Joyce (Piano).
7.45 p.m.—Studio Talk on Convict by Mrs. C. A. S. Russ.
7.55 p.m.—Interlude.
"Tales from the Orient"—Waltz (Strauss), arr. Eggers.
Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Archibald Joyce, Waltz Major.
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8.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News Commentary.
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A Christmas Party was held yesterday at the King's Theatre which was filled to capacity with hundreds of infants and little tots accompanied by their parents. A number of midwives and doctors also attended.

There was a distribution of gifts, and afterwards the guests trooped into the theatre to see a selection of films including "Almost a Miracle," "Food for Thought" and "Smiler in the Jungle," three very interesting films produced for Cew & Gate, Ltd., the well-known Manufacturers of Infant Foods.

Mrs. S. H. Langston, the local agent, made a short speech of welcome, to which Doctor F. I. Tseung suitably replied.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY PROGRAMME

Following are Sunday's Tournament Hockey fixtures:

	At 10.30 a.m.
A. N. Other XI v	Destroyer
Police "A" v	Gunboats
Recreo v	University
2nd M.T.B. v	Signals
C.B.A. v	5th A.A. "B."
Nomads v	Royal Engineers
Police "B" v	Punjab Regiment
5th A.A. "A" v	Khalsa

At 4.00 p.m.

PROMISING DEBUT OF Y.M.C.A.

At the Valley, Y.M.C.A. beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 102 runs in a friendly cricket match yesterday.

Y.M.C.A.

C. Logan, c Colledge, b Hollidge	26
W. H. Ingleby, b Attwell	5
W. S. Gegg, b Mitchell	3
F. E. Lawrence, b Attwell	32
E. Curtis, b Hollidge	6
F. Willis, c Parrott, b Attwell	35
H. Eager, run out	13
H. C. Earldy, c Stone, b Attwell	9
H. Brokenshire, not out	4
C. J. E. Scott, b Attwell	8
Extras (LB1)	1

Total (for 9 wkts, dec.). 139

H. D. Bruce did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O. M. R. W.
Stone	2 0 14 0
Attwell	7.1 0 43 5
Hollidge	2 0 20 2
Mitchell	6 2 31 1
McGowan	2 0 21 0
Haynes	1 0 9 0

C.S.C.C.

K. J. Attweil, b Gegg	1
A. Watson, c Scott, b Curtis	4
D. Hollidge, b Gegg	0
J. Mitchell, c Ingleby, b Gegg	2
J. F. McGowan, c Lawrence, b Curtis	1
D. Colledge, b Curtis	1
H. Parrott, b Gegg	5
Paul, b Gegg	0
Hemsley, st. Curtis, b Gegg	0
Haynes, run out	13
G. P. Stone, not out	0
Extras (B5)	5

Total 37

Bowling Analysis

	O. M. R. W.
Curtis	4.4 0 20 3
Gegg	4 1 12 6

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Players Fail To Turn Up Chinese Win With Greatest Ease

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

ROSE BEATS HUNTER

In the semi-finals of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship at Fanling yesterday H. B. Rose beat F. D. Hunter two and one and F. Groves accounted for D. S. Edward at the 19th.

Col. Rose played better golf throughout, going round in 75.

The players were all square and five to go, and Hunter thus putted at the 15th to be one down and three to go.

The next hole was halved, and on the 17th Hunter missed his drive. Col. Rose, however, sent his second shot into a ditch to the right of the green, only to play a fine recovery shot and so win the match.

Narrow Win

In the other semi-final F. Groves beat D. S. Edward at the 19th.

The game was very even throughout, both players having had a score of approximately 76 for the 18 holes.

Neither player was ever more than one up. After being dormy one up on the 18th, Groves lost the last hole with a 5 to Edward's 4 and they went to the 19th hole where both the tee shots were within about 20 yards of the green.

Edward was a trifle short with his run-up approach and was unlucky to take 5 to Groves' 4 thereby losing what was undoubtedly one of the closest matches in this year's Club championship.

TIME FOR CHANGES IN CLUB XV

By "SCRUM-HALF"

Club lost all hope of winning the first Quadrangular Rugby Tournament ever held in Hong Kong when they were well beaten by Navy on Saturday, and everything now points to a Naval triumph, although Army can still win the title by beating Navy, Club and Police in their remaining games.

Navy have what it takes to win championships — determination. With the exception of Paul, Taylor, King and Manfield, they have a very average team, and yet their combination has overcome star-studded sides such as Army, who at one time appeared likely to carry all before them, and Club. A triumph for Navy, who have been without their captain, Carter, would be an exceedingly popular one, though I am inclined to believe Army can do the trick.

Club have reached the stalemate stage, and their lack of improvement over the past three weeks suggests that team changes may be necessary. Walkden is about ready for a place in the pack — he would have been invaluable on Saturday — and Thomas is worth consideration, despite the fact he has been wasting his time in the "A" three-quarter line.

Suggested Pack

I would like to see the following pack on view next Saturday: Heasman, Burford, Walkden, Gairdner, Macrae; Kennedy, Taylor and Thomas. Against Police they have nothing to lose and it may solve their problem at forward.

The back division problem is even more acute. Aitkenhead has struck a bad patch — he was surprised Charter did not change places with him at half-time on Saturday — and the ideal left wing combination has yet to be found. Carruthers, Day and Morgan are much of a muddiness in the centre and Boastanquet's speed on the wing is nullified by his indecisive kicking.

Completed In Stands

Players Fail To Turn Up

Chinese Win With Greatest Ease

By "Referee"

THE CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME between teams representing the Rest of the Colony "A" and Combined Chinese "A", which the latter won by 5 goals to 1 at Causeway Bay yesterday, was very disappointing in that a large number of the chosen players for the Rest team did not turn out and even then there were not sufficient reserves to call upon with the result that players had to be recruited from the stand and in one case a player who had just finished a game was asked to participate in the Senior game.

In spite of the makeshift team fielded the Rest they did well in the first half when they gave a fairly good display when consideration is taken of the fact that several players were in unaccustomed positions.

Hossack was seen on the left wing in the first half, while Leonard played in the pivotal position. Owens, who had just finished a game, was seen on the right wing.

Little useful can be said about the Chinese team. They were the better side and often had the Rest defence in trouble with their swinging passes. Lee Wai-tong did not unduly exert himself and was content to keep his forwards well supplied with passes.

Fung Best Forward

Fung King-cheong was their best forward and scored four of the five goals.

Robinson, in the Rest goal, gave a good display. He was kept continually on the move with shots from all directions and rarely had any rest. The five goals which beat him were unstoppable.

Owens, on the right wing, did a lot of useful work and it is gratifying to note that he has been chosen for the B.W.O.F. charity game on New Year's day. Both in this game and the one previous he has shown that in good company he is a useful right-winger.

Edmunds, at full-back, gave a good display and though he was up against the fast Chinese forwards covered well and on the whole justified his selection.

Leonard at centre-half, marked Lee Wai-tong well but this left Fung and Lai free and most of the danger to the "Rest" goal came from these two. Freshwater at his side worked hard and never for one moment slackened.

Howlett and Hossack were the best of the Rest forward-line while Le Page was seen in some nice movements.

Fung King-cheong opened the scoring for the Chinese with a good cross shot and shortly after increased the lead with an identical shot.

In the second half Lai Shiu-wing scored and before time Fung King-cheong added another two goals. Howlett scored the only goal for the Rest.

Rest "A":—Robinson: Hendy, Edmunds; Gow, D. Leonard, Freshwater; Owens, Le Page, Kellow, Howlett and Hossack.

Chinese "A":—Lau Hin-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Tin-sang; Soong Ling-sing, Hsu King-sing, Ng Kee-cheong; Chung Yung-sun, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

MEDICAL TEAMS MEET

In a charity football match on the Club ground yesterday morning, the Hospital Division beat the Medical Division by three goals to two. Hopkinson, Dresser Yu and T. Pile scored for the winners. Willie E. Fowler and Hafris replied for the losers. The match was in aid of Chinese inmates at the various hospitals.

No date has been reserved for the Kowloon Charity Cup competition yet, though the committee are desirous of starting the series as soon as possible. It is probable that the Navy-Army game will be played during the week, thus leaving the games against South China for week-ends.



Jackie Anderson scoring the first home run for Wahoos in Sunday's softball surprise when Wahoos beat Wildcats by 17-16. On right is Wildcat Cynthia da Motta.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

Football

SIX matches were drawn in Saturday's soccer programme and Eastern, as the result of a 4-2 win over Middlesex, are now leading the First division League table. Engineers had no difficulty in retaining their unbeaten record when they easily beat Police. Bankham, the referee, who was taken ill in the morning could not turn up and a spectator officiated.

Signals and Air Force, leading teams in Third Division, had a hard tussle at Chatham Road and shared two goals.

Pairs Championship in fine style from McDouall and Pollock, a pair who had been highly-fancied.

Cricket

SCORING was on the high side in Saturday's cricket programme and two scores of over 80 were registered. In consequence bowlers were not as successful as they have been recently and N. Singh's 5 for 17 was the best performance of the day.

Leading feats were—

	BATTING	89
F. J. Lay	88
J. M. Gosano	59
Capt. Lawrence	55
P. M. N. da Silva	53
H. E. Hayward	46
D. J. N. Anderson	43
A. H. Madar	42
Abbas	41
K. J. Attwell	40
L. R. Burch	40

	BOWLING	5 for 17
N. Singh	5 for 33
Hawkins	4 for 21
A. H. Madar	4 for 27
A. M. Omar	4 for 27
Holder	4 for 27
H. L. Ozorio	4 for 32
J. F. McGowan	4 for 35
A. J. Hulse	4 for 41
F. R. Zimmern	4 for 41

Rugby

NAVY are almost assured of the

Quadrangular Rugby title as

the result of their win over Club on Saturday by 13 points to 3. The score was 3 all with 20 minutes to go.

A Club "A" team, which included several players from Police beat Navy "A" by 17 points to 9.

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Rowing

THE Volunteer rowing regatta on Saturday provided some good sport but probably, because of the inaccessibility of the venue only a handful of spectators, including a good sprinkling of the fair sex, was present.

Scottish Company were worthy

winners of the Inter-Unit Fours,

with First Battery "A" a crew of novices, runners-up.

Carter and Colls won the Open

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following were yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS

Wildcats 16, Cardinals 8.

Wahoos 16, Chung Hwa 2.

Canuckettes 16, Ramblers 15.

MEN

First Division

Reorio Aces 13, Canucks 3.

Cyclones 8, Filipinos 1.

Chinese Baseballets 2, Indians 12.

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Sgt. Harden 150 S/S. Emberson

(23) 123

Q.M.S. Wood L. Ebbage

(20) 104

Pte. Haigh

(28) (24) 150 S/C. Wardie

Pte. Middleton 160 L/C. Paul

Sgt. Murphy 150 Sgt. Pitt

Sgt. Hamlin 150 S/C. Gardner

5th A.A. Regt. R.A.

R.A. Nil 2 Royal Scots

Cpl. Milne Cpl. Octon

(21) 150 (21)

Sgt. Lavis (27) 134 Pte. Gordon

Q.M.S. Beaumont 141 (23)

BSM. Humphries 112 (25)

Bdr. Kennedy 113 Sgt. Whippley

(23) 150

Set. Bevin 46 Pte. Clark (21)

12th H. Regt. R.A. 4 pts.

Gnr. Cummins 150 Sgt. Crittenton

Gnr. Frost 150 Sgt. Green

L/B. Brown 135 Sgt. Simmons

L/B. Hannan 130 Sgt. Ratcliffe

Gnr. Burrows 150 L/C. Thompson

Gnr. Sharp 126 Sgt. Monaghan

(20) 150

R.A.M.C. 5 pts. C.M. Police 2 pts.

Lt. Dixon 150 Capt. Hyde

Pte. Howe 150 Sgt. Whitton

Sgt. Wyre (26) 122 L/C. Teggarty

Cpl. Harvey 128 L/C. Thompson

S/S. Terran (31) 150 L/C. Clifford

Pte. Whybro (23) 150 (23) (30)

R.A.O.C. 1 pt. R.A.S.C. 6 pts.

S/C. Wardie 123 Sgt. Hamlin

Lt. Ebbage 150 S.M. Ashman

S.C. Gardner (25) 117 Pte. Middleton

S/S. Emberson Sgt. Murphy

(30) 150 (30) (21)

Sgt. Pitt 113 Q.M.S. Wood

L/C. Paul (22) 83 Pte. Haigh (31)

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(21) 129

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(20) 150

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(24) (22) 150

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(28) 150

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Q.M.S. Beaumont 127 S/C. Gardner

Sgt. Lavis 150 L/C. Saunders

Bdr. Kennedy 160 L/C. Paul

Gnr. Milne (21) 150 Sgt. Pitt

R.A.M.C. 5 pts. R.A.S.C. 2 pts.

Cpl. Harvey (23) 150 Sgt. Murphy

(75) 73

Sgt. Wyre 150 L/C. Middleton

Pte. Whybro (21) (25) 150 S.M. Ashman

S/S. Terran (23) 150 Sgt. Dean

Lt. Dixon 109 Q.M.S. Wood

(27) 150

Pte. Howe 131 Pte. Haigh

(20) (26) 150

R.E. 3 pts. C.M. Police 4 pts.

L/C. Thompson 137 (25) 150 Spr. Crittenton

Spr. Simmons 150 L/C. Cliff

Spr. Ratcliffe 180 L/C. Martin

Spr. Monaghan 72 L/C. Willis (23)

han 108 Sgt. Whilton

L/S. Sheldrake 150 L/C. Texgatty

(20) 131

R.A.O.C. 4 pts. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. 3 pts.

Lt. Ebbage (35) 150 Sgt. Coughlin

S/C. Wardie 126 Sgt. Lavis

S/C. Gardner 123 Bdr. Kennedy

S/S. Emberson (23) 129 Q.M.S. Beaumont

Sgt. Pitt (22) 150 BSM. Humphries

(142) 142

Cpl. Ewens 150 BSM. Scragg

(147) 147

R.A.M.C. 6 pts. R.E. 1 pt.

Lt. Dixon (22) (23) 130 Sgt. Sheldrake

S/S. Terran (20) 150 L/C. Thompson

Pte. Howe (20) (20) 150 Spr. Crittenton

Sgt. Wyre (42) 150 Spr. Simmons

(125) 125

Cpl. Harvey (21) (24) 150 Spr. Ratcliffe

(73) 73

Pte. Whybro (20) (20) 150 Spr. Monaghan

(91) 91

C.M. Police 2 pts. R.A.S.C. 5 pts.

Sgt. Whilton (20) 128 Q.M.S. Wood

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L/C. Willis (147) 147 Pte. Haigh

(20) (22) (21) 150

L/C. Teggarty 124 Sgt. Harden

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L/C. Thomson 150 S.M. Ashman

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L/C. Cliff 89 L/C. Middleton

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L/C. Martin 150 Sgt. Hamlin

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League Positions Up To 20/12/40

P.	W.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	14	14	0
R.A.S.C.	11	7	4
Sgt. Harden	9	7	2
R.E.	11	4	38
C.M. Police	10	4	32
Royal Signals	9	3	30
R.A.P.C.	10	3	24
R.A.O.C.	9	3	20
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	9	2	17
R.A.C.	9	2	15
12th H. Regt. R.A.	8	2	15

Soldiers' Club Tournament

FIRST ROUND			
SECOND ROUND			
R.A.S.C.	1542 pts.	7th H.A.A. Bty.	R.A. 1328 pts.
Sgt. Dean	200	Sgt. Lavis	193
Sgt. Harden	200	Gnr. McManus	
Sgt. Hamlin	155	Gnr. Milne	200
Pte. Haigh	200	BSM. Scragg	87
Q.M.S. Wood	150	BSM. Humphries	129
Sgt. Murphy	200	Q.M.S. Wood	183
Sgt. Pitt	200	Sgt. Dodd	163

L/C. Middle-ton Bdr. Kennedy

SECOND ROUND

R.A.M.C. 1600 pts. "HQ" Coy.

2/R. Scots 863 pts.

Lt. Dixon (22) (20) (24) 150

Cpl. Harvey (31) (28) 200

Pte. Whybro (22) 200

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BRITISH 'PLANES LAND IN EIRE

Two British 'planes landed in Eire yesterday, according to an official statement issued in Dublin yesterday, and the crews were interned.—Reuter.

THE WILL TO FIGHT

There is a great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made in Khartum yesterday to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Hussars officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after a lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or in kind for Britain's war effort.—Reuter.

SYRIAN ATTITUDE

THE POPULATION OF SYRIA IS GROWING LESS READY TO ACCEPT GERMAN DEMANDS, REPORTS ANKARA RADIO.

Sympathy is growing in Syria, says Ankara radio, among the French and Arabs for Great Britain and General de Gaulle.—Reuter.

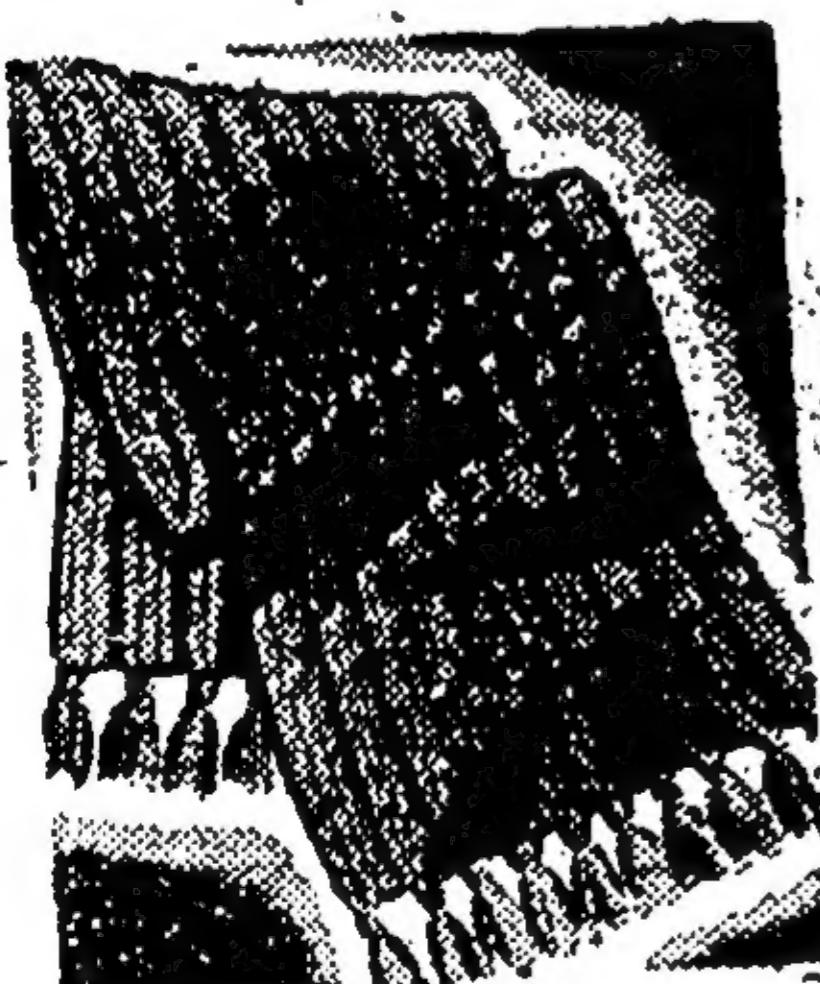
JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION

The first Japanese military mission of its kind since 1918 left Japan en route for Germany and Italy yesterday.

The Domei agency says the mission is headed by Lt.-Gen. Yamasita, Director-General of Military Aviation, and is traveling via Siberia.

A similar mission during the last war visited the Western Front and brought back information leading to improvements in the equipment of the Japanese army.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

The "Tsun Wan Man Pao," vernacular evening, published a report, unconfirmed by any other source, stating that several Japanese warships are concentrated around the Spratly Islands, the Commander-in-Chief having demanded permission from the Indo-China authorities to land marines at Saigon.

Meanwhile the heavy British raids over Germany, including three concentrated attacks on Mannheim and the daring thirty-seventh raid on Berlin, were continuing every night.

Three British 'planes were lost during the night of Dec. 15/16 and four during the night of Dec. 16/17 but there were no losses on other nights, including the Berlin raid.

Confirmed figures for the Western Desert air battles in this period are, at present, unavailable, but during the week ending Dec. 18, 68 Italian 'planes are definitely known to have been destroyed in combat for the loss of 10 British 'planes, bringing the total Italian planes confirmed as destroyed by the R.A.F. since Italy entered the war to 335, while a further 158 were destroyed on the ground.—Reuter.

INDIA'S DRIVE FOR WAR

Further gifts for planes and for air-raid distress were announced yesterday.

A sum of £1,800 has been received from Chinese members and friends of the Sino-British Cultural Association for air-raid relief, and a further sum of £1,100 has been received from Kenya for the purchase of three mobile canteens — one for London, one for Liverpool and the third for anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The East India Fund has sent a further gift of £20,000 for the purchase of "Spitfires," making its total contributions so far amount to £350,000. The same Fund has sent £1,000 to King George's Fund for Sailors.

Punjab University is putting its entire resources for war purposes at the disposal of the British Government, and is also asking for increased facilities for military training for members of the University.

The workshops of the India Railways are turning out large quantities of essential supplies and are arranging to train nearly 2,000 men under the Government of India scheme.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has sent Mr. Winston Churchill a cheque for £5,000, completing the gift of £50,000 for fighters aircraft sent by the Netherlands East Indies on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's recent birthday.—Reuter.

DEFENCE IN MALAYA

THE MAINLAND OF MALAYA, IN ADDITION TO SINGAPORE AND PENANG, IS BEING PUT IN A STATE OF DEFENCE, SAID MR. SHENTON THOMAS, GOVERNOR OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY.

Schemes for bringing the civilian defence services to a higher state of efficiency will be accelerated and extended.

The complete registration of all women available for war work will be carried out immediately.—Reuter.

Twelve waves of Japanese aircraft, in each of which some 35 bombers participated, carried out savage raids on towns and villages between Sha-yu-chung (on the Mirs Bay coast) and Tam-shui yesterday.

The raids started at 6 a.m. and lasted for 12 hours.

Latest reports received state that over 120 people were killed and wounded and that scores of houses and shops were destroyed.

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